

# BCHS Newsletter

## Dec—Jan 2013-14



### Principals Message

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your continued support of the Brooks Composite High School Newsletter. This is the second newsletter for this semester. The next edition will come out in late January of 2014.

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide general information about the school. In this edition I have tried to include a few items that might give you an idea about the activities our students have been involved with since school began.

These activities help provide our students with an expanded educational experience and serve to make memories and friendships for a lifetime. I also included information that will keep you well informed about Brooks Composite High School. Please take time to read through this newsletter. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the school.

As we approach the Holiday Season, we are mindful of the many blessings that we enjoy but are also reminded of the misfortune of others.

Such was the case this year when so many families faced the destruction of Typhoon *Haiyan* in the Philippines. In a show of support, our students stepped up to support the victims of the Typhoon. Our students have organized a couple of fundraisers since the disaster in order to raise money. We also know that the wider community is also giving generously to support those in the Philippines who have been displaced by *Haiyan*.

At the time of this writing, Canada is the 4th largest donor to this cause and both the Alberta and Canadian governments have increased the amounts they are pledging to the relief effort there. **Please keep in mind that the government will match every dollar donated by individuals or businesses.**

I am so proud that this school and this community acted out of kindness and generosity to help others. On behalf of all who have been helped, thank you for caring enough to help in any way that you could because

encouraging acts of kindness and compassion is just as important as encouraging academic success.

As we move into the Holiday Season I am reminded of the words of Charles Dickens in the Classic story, ***A Christmas Carol***.

***"[Christmas is] a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time when people open their hearts freely."***

During this season of giving, thank you for remembering those who are less fortunate.

On behalf of the Students and Staff at BCHS we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Grant Jensen, Principal



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#### Special points of interest:

- Thank you for your generosity! See the Principal's Message on p.1
- Take a look at the information about Grad and Grad activities on p. 3/4
- Check out the section on Athletics at BCHS on p. 6
- Wondering when students come back after Christmas? Wondering about Final exams? Have a look at the calendar on p. 9

## Information Items

### NAME, ADDRESS, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES

If there have been any changes to the names, addresses, e-mail address or phone numbers of any of our students please let the office know immediately. We will update our files as necessary.

### WE WOULD LIKE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

In an effort to keep you up to date and informed about your son or daughters progress at school we are looking for ways to communicate with you in a timely fashion. If you have an e-mail address you would like to share with us please e-mail the school at [bchs@grasslands.ab.ca](mailto:bchs@grasslands.ab.ca)

### DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to receive our daily announcements by email, please call the school and give Mrs. Renn your address.

### REPORT CARDS

The first report cards were released in October. The second report cards have just been issued during the week of **Nov 25–29, 2013**. Each teacher scheduled their own release date based on completion dates of units of work. All second report card marks were released by **Nov 29, 2013**. The only exception is Work Experience and Special Projects. If you did not receive a second report card by the dates mentioned, please give the school a call.

The second report cards will provide an accurate measure of how your child is doing in each

course. You are not required to sign and return these report cards unless specifically requested to do so by a teacher. As well, there are no formal parent/teacher interviews at this time. However, if you would like to meet with any teacher, please feel free to contact the school to make arrangements.

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTOMATED PHONE / E-MAIL SYSTEM

The automatic phone system calls home (**and sends an e-mail**) when we haven't received a call from a parent or guardian notifying us of their son or daughter's absence. If we get a call by 3:30 from a parent or guardian on the day of the absence the automated caller will not call home.

The automated message will notify you of the classes missed that day. Most of our students start their day at 8:32. This is the first **INSTRUCTIONAL PERIOD** of the day but not necessarily the first **CLASS**. When the automatic phone system calls home, it lists the **PERIODS** missed. Each day begins with **PERIOD 1**. (**To see the rotation of our classes throughout the week, please refer to the chart which follows.**)

There is often some confusion about which **CLASS** was missed. Because we have classes that occur at different parts of the day, the message will indicate which **PERIOD** of the day was missed.

**This our daily schedule:**

Our answering machine

Day	Sequence of Classes
Mon.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Tue.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Wed	1, 2, 3, 4, (flex block From 2:15—3:23)
Th.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Fri	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

is on 24 hours, so you can call in the evening or morning if that is more convenient.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BCHS would like to invite interested parents to help in the school. If you would like to volunteer please give Bert Scholz a call at the school.

### SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE!! General School Fees



were due at the start of September. If these have not yet been paid, you must do so right away. In the next little while, **a reminder will be mailed to homes with outstanding school fees**. If finances are difficult and a longer-term payment schedule is required, please arrange one with Mrs. Berringer or Mr. Jensen at the school.

## BCHS School Advisory Council (SAC)

Welcome to a new year from the SAC of Brooks Composite High School. We've had our first two meetings and are feeling encouraged by the relaxed and informative mood of the meeting. As in other years, we are seeking ways to get high school parents more involved with their student's education and school.

Our meetings are open to all parents and guardians and we would invite any questions or concerns you may have. Please contact the school or any member of the School Council and please feel free to attend the meetings.

Brooks Composite High School operates on the SBM model. This provides parents, students, and staff with the opportunity to be involved with the management of the school.

The SBM teams include:

- **Budget Team**
- **Curriculum Development Team**
- **Student Affairs (Extracurricular) Team**
- **Policy Team**

The **2013 – 2014 SAC** members and their duties include:

**Liana Nielsen**

Grade 11 Rep,  
Co-chair  
SC Representative  
Japan selection

**Dalene Dingwall**

Grade 12 Rep  
Vice –Chair—SAC

**Deanna Kemp**

Grade 12 Rep

**Barb Mahrer**

Grade 11 Rep  
Secretary  
Policy Team

**Charlotte Dyck**

Grade 10 Rep  
Budget Committee

**Chetna Sharma**

Grade 10 Rep  
Policy Team

**Tammy Vincent**

Grade 10 Rep  
Curriculum Team

**Tanya Dingwall**

Student Affairs Team

**Grant Jensen**

Co-chair

**Lesley Jensen**

Teacher Rep

**Miranda Smith &**

**Amanda Nielsen**

Student Representatives

Future meetings of the BCCHS School Council will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the school on the dates listed:

**Dec 11, 2013**

**Feb 12, 2014**

**Mar 11, 2014**

**Apr 9, 2014**

**May 14, 2014**

**Please note:** The School Council welcomes all parents to attend the meetings. If you would like topics to be placed on an agenda, please contact either co-chairperson. The School Council members would encourage parental involvement as much as possible.



## Grad Parent Committee (SAFE GRAD)



The After Grad activities have changed significantly from previous years. This year, the Parents are planning a Safe Grad activity to occur after the ceremonies.

The planning and organizing of this event will occur separately from the ceremonies

that are planned and supervised by the school.

If you are interested in helping out with this event, I would encourage you to contact **Kelly Rasmussen at 403-362-8309**

I'm sure that your help would be appreciated.

## Grad Class News

All potential grads received an information bulletin on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Students also received a grad photo information package on Nov 4th. If you have not received either of these, please have your son or daughter pick up another copy from the school.

Planning is currently underway for two major fund-raising events. The annual **Grey Cup bottle drive** takes place on Tuesday, Nov 26th from 5-8 p.m. The **annual Grad Turkey Dinner** takes place **Friday, December 13th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### Grad Class Annual

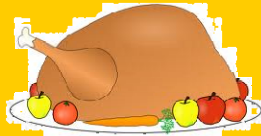
#### Turkey Dinner

**Friday, December 13,**

**11:30 - 1:00**

**B.C.H.S. Gym**

**Adults \$10.00**



On November 13<sup>th</sup> all grads received an information letter regarding Grad Turkey Dinner. To make this event a success, we need the support of grads and parents to provide

food and to work in the kitchen and at the dinner.

If you do not receive a copy of the letter, please call the school and one will be mailed to you.

We look forward to the support of the grads and their parents, as well as the community at large to make both these fund raisers successful.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns regarding any aspect of the fund-raising activities or commencement, or would like to help with these events, please contact the grad class advisor, Ms S. Lavery.

## Around the School

### FROM THE COUSSELLORS DESK

The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities have identified Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender/ Trans-identified (LGBT) youth as one of the most at-risk groups in Alberta schools. Violence and hate-motivated crimes against LGBT students can range from individual to collective acts and consist of behaviours that include homophobic name-calling, shunning, stalking and emotional and physical attacks. As a result of this victimization there is a direct link to an increased rate of emotional and physical risk factors with LGBT individuals such as negative self-esteem, drug and alcohol abuse, depression, isolation, disruptive school behaviour and decreased aca-

demic performance. The rate of suicide for LGBT youth is two to three times higher than their heterosexual peers. (ATA).

To support the LGBT youth at BCHS a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) has been established. GSAs are student-run and teacher-supported school-based groups that work to create safe, caring and inclusive spaces for LGBT students and those who befriend and support them.

Our goal for this group is to welcome and respect all students while addressing issues around discrimination, prejudice, and diversity. For more information contact Allyson Honig – FSLC. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoons, Thursday & Friday 8:30 – 3:30 in Room 1418.

### BCHS MUSIC NEWS

On December 12th - The BCHS and BJHS Band departments present their annual **"Sounds of the Season"** Christmas Concert. Bands from both schools will perform Christmas classics for the pleasure of the audience. Showtime is 7:00 at Griffin Park Theatre. Admission is \$5 per person, \$10 per family. Children 5 and under are free. Everybody is welcome to come and feel the Christmas spirit.



The BCHS/ BJHS  
Band concert

## More News from Around the School

### NEWS FROM COSMETOLOGY

The 2013-2014 BCHS Cosmetology class is back in business. With several skilled and experienced students, these students can offer hairstyles, cuts, colors, perms, facials manicures, pedicures, waxing etc. We also have products for you to purchase (**Bed head** by **TIGI**, **Paul Mitchell**, **ISO**, **Redken**, and **Oasis** etc.).

The student work is very professional! For a great, yet inexpensive service ranging from \$3.00 - \$30.00 give us a call at 403-362-4814.extension #1132



### NEWS FROM CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Watson's Construction 2H Class has been working on a garage for a member of the community.

This is a significant undertaking and the kids in the class have done a great job. Students are learning how to do concrete work, framing, wiring, insulation, drywall, and roofing.



### STUDENTS AGAINST DRINKING AND DRIVING)

Students in many of the elementary schools have been working on the Liquor Bag Campaign and so far about 4000 have been handed out!!

These bags all have a personal message from elementary students reminding people not to drink and drive. These bags will be given out at local liquor stores over the Christmas Season. Thank you to everyone for your fantastic support!

### SADD Raffle Winners

SADD ran a fundraising campaign selling ticket with the opportunity to win an i-pad. Thanks to everyone for their support!

The winners are:

- **Nathan Thornington**  
\$100 gift certificate for services at Bill's Garage
- **Krista Kidd**  
\$50 gift certificate at Franklin's Tire
- **Yvonne Francis**  
\$100 athletic jacket donated by HSE Integrated
- **Joe Stacey**  
\$500 Spy Sunglasses donated by For Sight Vision
- **Jolayne Olund**  
i-pad 2, 16 GB

### GLITTERS CONFERENCE

**GLITTERS** is a full day local conference for young women ages 12-18 in Brooks and area! Our focus is to offer **Girls** a safe and comfortable Learning opportunity to expand on their Inner Talents Through Exploration and Reclaiming Self.

**GLITTERS's** purpose is to have self-confident, inspired and strong young women leave the conference feeling and appreciating their own self worth. Our goal is to show these young women the importance of valuing themselves, expanding their beliefs and their value to one another and in our community.

This conference will be held in the spring of 2014. If you would like more information, please contact Shelly Gausman at 403-362-4814 or one of the Family School Liaison Counsellors.

### SPIRIT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES Halloween:

This year the students organized Halloween themed competitions in the gym that turned out to be a lot of fun.

### Reindeer Games Returns!



In what has become a much loved and anticipated annual event, the Reindeer Games will make a return in December. Students will try to pin a clothespin on their designated counterpart. The competition is fierce.



## Athletics at BCHS

**Football:** The football team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Rangeland league. Unfortunately, they did not qualify for provincial competition this year. This year's team was extremely competitive and played hard in every game. Thanks to Coach Roth and his staff of Mr. Brennan Levie and Casey Neal, and others for their work with the team this year.



### **Volleyball:**

In volleyball the **Sr. Girls team** had another great season. The Girls ended up in the semi-finals at the South Central Zones championship but failed to advance.

Thanks to Coaches Desirae Hemsing, Shelby Hemsing and Al Bellamy for their efforts!



**The Sr. Boys** team had a young team this year and is in the process of rebuilding. Thanks to Mr. Nelson and Mr. Bernhard for another year of volleyball.



**The JV Girls** also had a good season. They played hard and were extremely competitive. The JV Girls had a great season, learning lots and having a ton of fun! They played great in all tournaments and improved greatly throughout the season. The girls won the Consolation at their home tournament, third in league playoffs and fifth at Zones



**Golf:** Mr. Angell coached an abbreviated golf season where our golfers failed to qualify for zones.

**Cheerleading:** The Cheerleading squad at BCHS is now in its 4th year. This year, the Cheerleaders have performed during our football games and are preparing for a number of cheer competitions. Thanks again to Carmen Thompsen for working with this group of stu-

dents from both St. Joe's and BCHS.

**Cross Country:** Mrs. Skriver and Ms. Boulet coached a number of our athletes to a competitive season ending in a meet in Canmore. The team also competed in the Grasslands Fun Run, the Terry Fox Run (7K), and the League run.



**Basketball:** The Basketball season is already under way. Some of our teams played their first tournament of the year on Nov 29th and 30th in Banff. At this point we have only 2 teams, senior boys and senior girls. Mr. Vandervelde and Mr. Heninger are coaching the Sr. Girls, Mr. Cashato is coaching the Sr. Boys.



## School Bus Cold / Inclement Weather Procedures

Grasslands Regional Division No. 6 believes that schools in the Division have the responsibility to remain open. The safety of students and the conditions for travel shall be the primary criteria to determine if buses will operate. Schools **will** be open during these poor weather days, but often will not operate regular instructional plans. **Parents are encouraged to take their children to school if, in their judgment, bus transportation or walking conditions are detrimental to the safety or well being of their children.**

### In Town (City) Bus Routes

Urban (within the city of Brooks) bus routes **should not be cancelled unless the city roads become too dangerous to operate the school bus or the temperature reaches -37 C.**

If the bus routes are cancelled due to weather/road conditions or temperature within the City of Brooks, the Transportation Department will contact **Q-105 FM Radio 105.7 FM** or **The One - 101.1 FM** by 6:30 a.m. Please listen to the radio station for bus cancellations or call the Transportation Department at 793-6703.

If any bus route is cancelled in the morning it will not operate all day.



Bussing policy for Cold Weather days

### Rural Bus Routes to Brooks Schools Designations

Rural bus routes coming to Grasslands schools in Brooks may be cancelled due to deteriorating road conditions or if the temperature reaches -37 C. If rural bus routes are cancelled due to

inclement or cold weather, the bus driver is required to contact the local radio station **Q-105 FM Radio 105.7 FM** or **The One - 101.1 FM** by 6:30 a.m. The bus drivers will contact all students on their bus route, or put a phone fan out into operation.

Please listen to one of these local radio stations for any school bus cancellations announcements. If any bus routes are cancelled for this reason, they will not operate all day.

### Rural Bus Routes to All Other Grasslands School Designations

If rural buses going to our rural schools are cancelled due to deteriorating road conditions or if the temperature reaches -37 C, the Principal of the school in consultation with the Bus Drivers will determine if all/any of the buses routes going to their school will be cancelled. The Principal of the school will contact the local radio station **Q-105 FM Radio 105.7 FM** or **The One - 101.1 FM** by 6:30 a.m. to put an announcement on the local radio station. The bus drivers will contact all of the students on their route or put a phone fan out into operation. Please listen to one of these local stations for any school bus cancellation announcements. If bus routes are cancelled for this reason, they will not operate all day.

### General Notes Regarding Inclement/Cold Weather

Parents should work with their children to have a plan in the event that the school bus does not arrive to pick them up. Children must be aware of how long to wait at their bus stop before returning home or going to a safe place.

In spite of the careful maintenance and driver checks done to our buses on a daily basis, there have been rare occasions where there has been a bus breakdown. In the event of one of these incidents, children need to be dressed appropri-

ately for the weather conditions.

The temperature will be determined from the Weather Network/School Day Forecast web site. The temperature at 6:30 a.m. will be used to determine if the temperature is -37 C. Go to:

[www.theweathernetwork.com](http://www.theweathernetwork.com)

- type in the town/city and then go to School Day Forecast (menu on the right hand side). See the chart that follows to determine what town to type in.

### What Town To Look For On The Weather Network Site Exceptions

Town	Look up
Duchess	Duchess
Brooks	Brooks
Bassano	Bassano
Rolling Hills	Rolling Hills
Gem	Bassano
Rosemary	Duchess
Scandia /Rainier	Brooks
Tilley	Tilley

If buses are cancelled and any student needing to write a Departmental Exam does not have transportation, please contact the bus driver or our Transportation Office at 403-793-6703.

If buses are cancelled in excess of 3 days due to continuous -37C weather the cancellation will be evaluated and an announcement will be put on the local radio stations if there is a change in procedure.



## Character Corner

**Remembrance Day:** The Spirit Council at BCCHS put on a very moving and solemn ceremony as part of our Remembrance Day activities. Thanks to Sgt. Smallbones and to the Legion for their part in our ceremony.



### **Operation Christmas Child:**



BCCHS students have been putting together Christmas shoeboxes for **Samaritans Purse**. This year, we hope to

collect 100 **shoeboxes**. Thanks to Mr. Vaage for organizing this activity. For more info on Samaritans Purse go to

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/occ>

As well, some of our students will be packing these shoeboxes in Calgary in Early December.

### **BCCHS Spirit Council raises money for the Phillipines:**

Spirit Council held a fundraising drive from Nov. 25th to 29th. A video explaining the event and how it has impacted some of our students personally was shown to the students. To raise money, an annoying song was played over the intercom during breaks for the week until we reached our fundraising goal of \$1000. Collection jars are still available at the office.

### **IVSF raises funds for the Phillipines**

The Students involved with IVSF

(BCCHS Chapter of Inter-varsity Fellowship) held a bake sale on Nov 21 to raise money for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

### **Connections**

10 students attended Connection, an off campus Multicultural Leadership Program, this fall where they participated in various activities and sessions relating to issues surrounding racism, prejudice and discrimination. During the week of December 16—20 there will be a student video, Keys of Hope Necklaces sold, a puzzle mural as well as temporary tattoos available. The activities focus on sending a positive message to all the students of Brooks Composite High School. Others are planning to work with elementary students to share the message of Acceptance. More information will be shared with students as the Acceptance Day approaches.

## Encounters with Canada

**Encounters with Canada** is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that all students 14 to 17 years-of-age should experience. Learn about your country while investigating careers, and live the “**Experience of a Lifetime**”!

**Encounters with Canada** offers eleven different one-week programs of Canadian studies at the Terry Fox Canadian Youth Centre in Ottawa. To participate in the program, students must contact their schools or regional coordinators to obtain a registration form. If they are eligible, they can choose from one of the eleven theme weeks:

To participate in an **Encounters with Canada** week, you must:

- be 14-17 years of age when you take part

- be Canadian citizen or landed immigrant
- be enrolled in an educational institution recognized by the Ministry of Education in your province or territory
- obtain authorization from a parent or guardian
- obtain the recommendation from your school

For more information, please refer to the web site at <http://www.encounters-rencontres.ca/>

**Application to register:** You may contact us by phone, fax or e-mail to inquire about eligibility requirements to attend the Encounters with Canada program.

Mrs. O’Farrell is the BCCHS contact

for the Encounters program so please feel free to contact her in room 2018 or by e-mail at [julie.ofarrell@grasslands.ab.ca](mailto:julie.ofarrell@grasslands.ab.ca) with any question you might have. **Cost of registration and financial assistance:** The cost of registering for the 2012-2013 Encounters with Canada program is \$675. Some provinces and territories offer financial aid to students to defray registration costs. Alberta **may** subsidize the program making the cost to the student \$500. Your regional coordinator can inform you about financial aid available in your province or territory.



Encounters WITH CANADA HISTORICA Rencontres DU CANADA



## Schedule of Events for December 2013

- Dec 4— League Basketball
- Dec 11—SAC 7:00 pm  
- League Basketball
- Dec 12—Band Christmas Concert  
7:00 pm at Griffin Park. Tickets available at the door.
- Dec 13—Grad Turkey Dinner
- Dec 13-14—Sr. Boys B- Ball in Coal-dale
- Dec 18—League Basketball
- Dec 20—last day of school before holidays
- Dec 20-21—Sr. Boys B- Ball in Eagle Butte
- Dec 24—Christmas Eve
- Dec 25—Christmas Day
- Dec 26—Boxing Day
- Dec 31—New Year's Eve

# December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 SAC	12 Christ- mas Concert	13 Grad Turkey Dinner	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Last day of Classes before Christmas	21
22	23	24 Christ- mas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing day Holiday	27	28
Christmas Holidays—No School this week						
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				
Christmas Holidays—No School this week						

## Schedule of Events for January 2014

- Jan 1- New Year's Day
- Jan 6—Students return to School
- Jan 8—League Basketball
- Jan 10-11 —Sr. Boys B- Ball in Okotoks
- Jan 13- English 30-1/30-2  
Part A Diploma Exam—9:00 am
- Jan 14—Social Studies 30-1/30-2  
Part A Diploma Exam—9:00 am
- Jan 15—League Basketball
- Jan 17—Last day of Classes
- Jan 20—Exams begin for all Students  
no classes
- Jan 20—English 30-1/2 Diploma Exam  
part B—9:00 am
- Jan 21- SS30-1/2 Diploma Exam  
Part B—9:00 am
- Jan 23—Biology 30 Diploma Exam  
9:00 am
- Jan 24—Math 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam  
9:00 am
- Jan 27—Physics 30 Diploma Exam  
9:00 am
- Jan 28- Chem 30 Diploma Exam  
9:00 am
- Jan 30—First day of Semester 2
- Jan 31-Feb 1—Sr. Boys B- Ball in Taber

# January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
Christmas Holidays—No School this week						
5	6 Back to school	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Eng 30-1/ 30 -2 Part A Diploma	14 SS 30-1 / 30-2 Part A Diploma	15	16	17 Last day of Classes	18
19	20 Eng 30-1/ 30-2 Part B Diploma	21 SS 30-1 / 30-2 Part B Diploma	22	23 Bio 30 Diploma Exam	24 Math 30-1/ 30-2 Diploma Exam	25
26	27 Physics 30 Diploma Exam	28 Chem. 30 Diploma Exam	29	30 First Day of Semester 2	31	

To view the complete exam schedule, please go to our Website at <http://bchs.grasslands.ab.ca/> and click on Documents then click on Final Exam Schedule

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## BOARD BITS FOR DECEMBER

The Grasslands Board of Education is proud of our school jurisdiction, proud of our students and proud of our staff. Without hard working and dedicated staff, our schools would not be able to provide our students with the best possible education. The Excellence in Teaching Awards is celebrating its 26th year of honouring excellence in Alberta classrooms. The Excellence in Teaching Program gives Albertans an excellent opportunity to honour teachers and principals for the outstanding work they do in classrooms across the province. As Grasslands Trustees, we encourage teachers and parents to take part in nominating fellow peers and teachers for this award. Teachers and principals touch every student's life in some form or another. If you feel you know of a deserving teacher or principal please follow the information below to begin the nomination process.

Nomination packages can be downloaded from the following website, [www.education.alberta.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx](http://www.education.alberta.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx), or by emailing [edc.excellenceinteaching@gov.ab.ca](mailto:edc.excellenceinteaching@gov.ab.ca), or by calling 780-422-0203 or toll free 1-866-590-1660.

The Grasslands Board of Education would like to wish our students, staff, parents and communities a very happy and safe holiday season!!

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## Parenting the Love and Logic Way

Would you like to feel more confident as a parent, have more fun, and feel more relaxed at the end of the day?

### Answers to:

- "How do I get my kids ready for school in time?"
- "How can I get my children to stop bickering?"
- "How do I get my kids to do their chores without arguing?"
- "Can I discipline my toddler without creating a scene?"
- "How can I get my teenager to come home at the agreed-upon time?"
- "How can we get our preschooler to stop whining at the dinner table?"

And many other day-to-day frustrations.

This course in parenting is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately.

Check out the *Love and Logic Institute* website at: [www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com)

### Evening Parenting Classes 2014

Monday, January 20  
Wednesday, January 22  
Monday, January 27  
Wednesday, January 29  
Monday, February 3  
Wednesday, February 5  
**6:30 to 8:30 pm**



Parents as Teachers

### To register, please call

*Parents as Teachers*  
403-362-8729 Ext 113 or 116

Cost: \$25.00 per person

\$40.00 per couple

(if the cost is a factor, please ask about subsidy)

Limited spaces for childcare available at a minimal cost.

Classes held at:

### Central School

112 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. East  
Brooks, Alberta  
Email:

[celina.everett@grasslands.ab.ca](mailto:celina.everett@grasslands.ab.ca)  
[pamela.rodriquez@grasslands.ab.ca](mailto:pamela.rodriquez@grasslands.ab.ca)