

ÉCOLE A.E. BOWERS ELEMENTARY



THE BUZZ



Summer
2025



Mrs. Gagne's kindergarten class kicking off summer with popsicles at Nose Creek Park!

ADMIN MESSAGE

Our final day of school for the 2024-2025 school year is upon us. Can you believe it?

We just wanted to take this opportunity to thank our school community for a wonderful year! We truly could not have done it without you. Together, we make A.E. Bowers a great place to be.

For those of you returning, we look forward to welcoming you back on Friday, August 29th for our Welcome Back BBQ and Open House. To those of you heading off on new adventures, we wish you all the best.

We hope you have a safe and happy summer,

~ Mme Hooper and Ms. Friesen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Welcome Back BBQ & Open House

Friday, August 29th

BBQ - 11:00AM-12:00PM

Open House - 12:00PM-1:00PM

Staggered Entry

A-K ONLY Attend

Tuesday, September 2nd

L-Z ONLY Attend

Wednesday, September 3rd

Orange Shirt Day

Friday, September 26th

Professional Learning Day

No School

Monday, September 29th

Truth and Reconciliation Day

No School

Tuesday, September 30th

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MONTH

This month, A.E. Bowers had the privilege of welcoming many guests, including author Crystal Many Fingers. Crystal shared her story about animals, their gifts, and why they were put on Earth. This book helped us learn about animals and Indigenous language.

As showcased in our last edition, the Running Rabbits shared their traditional dance and culture.



We also had the opportunity to welcome Chantal Chagnon and Dorianne Proulx to our school. Chantal, a Cree-Métis singer, drummer, and story teller, engaged us in traditional teachings that focused on respect and connection. Dorianne, an Anishinaabe-Cree Métis womxn and powwow dancer, wowed us through dance. Together, Chantal and Dorianne showed us the strength and beauty of their cultures and even had us dancing a round dance!



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

We love our community! Students in Ms. Maucieri's class enjoyed a visit from a biologist, who just happened to be Ms. Maucieri's sister! They learned so much about bats. Students in grade 1 went on a Goods & Services tour of Airdrie, where they explored Safeway, The Airdrie Public Library, Nose Creek Park, and Air106.1!



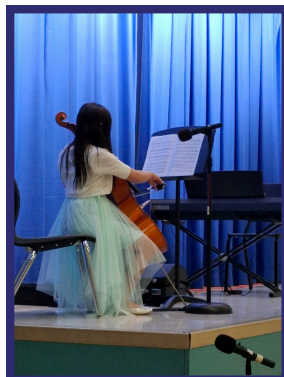
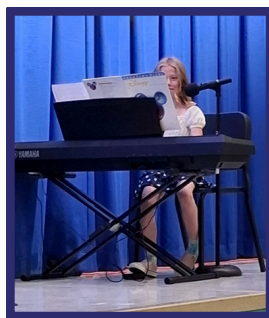
KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATIONS

Our kindergarten students participated in a number of fun activities, including their year-end Graduation. Bring on Grade 1!



GRADE 3 MUSICAL SHOWCASE

The performers for the Grade 3 Musical Showcase were extraordinary! So much talent at A.E. Bowers. Congratulations to everyone who took part - it takes lots of courage to perform in front of your peers and share your talents. Bravo!



BUILDING FUTURE OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACES

To bring outdoor learning to life, we need to get outside—with the right space and tools to do so! While our close proximity to Nose Creek Park provides wonderful learning opportunities, it is off-site, requires volunteers, and doesn't allow for spontaneous outdoor exploration. We asked our students and staff what would enhance their outdoor learning experiences. They envisioned a garden to grow fruits and vegetables, a shaded outdoor classroom, more trees and wildflowers, birdhouses, signs to learn more, an outdoor storage shed, and a little library.

Because these spaces are for our students, it was important that they were involved in every step of the process. They took ownership by writing letters requesting donations of trees, shrubs, soil, lumber, and more. With strong community partnerships, we brought many of these ideas to life. Students from Bert Church High School built the planter boxes based on our students' designs—an authentic application of math skills! The Building Futures program (in partnership with McKee Homes) constructed and installed a beautiful greenhouse.

Our school community continues to grow this meaningful outdoor learning space. This year alone, we added several pollinator flower beds, water barrels, class planter boxes, material storage, a greenhouse for year-round opportunities, and many new trees and shrubs. Students will benefit from this evolving outdoor space for years to come—just as they continue to grow and evolve themselves. Stay tuned—more exciting additions are coming in the new school year!

If you have connections or the means to help support our project in any way, please be sure to reach out.



INTERESTED IN HELPING OUR SCHOOL?



Our Friends of A.E. Bowers Society meets monthly to discuss events, fundraising activities, and the future needs of our school. If you are passionate about fundraising, come and join us, we have lots of work to do!

School Councils have a vital advisory role, representing parent and community perspectives in school decision-making. Councils also facilitate communication between the school and the community.

We are actively seeking members for the 2025-2026 school year.
Stay tuned for dates and information coming this fall!

MASKED SKIPPERS REVEALED!

Thank you to our school community for raising nearly \$600 for Jump Rope for Heart. As a reward for all their efforts, The Masked Skippers were finally revealed!

Thank you, Mrs. Hatto, Mr. Lee, Mme Retzlaff, Mme Wigemyr, and Mme Longchamps for going undercover!



REGISTER NOW TO SAVE ON TRANSPORTATION FEES

Rocky View Schools (RVS) has opened transportation registration for the 2025/26 school year through SchoolEngage. Parents/guardians are encouraged to register by June 30 to receive a \$40 discount or by Aug. 1 to ensure bus service for the first day of school.

In response to rising costs, transportation fees have increased for the coming school year. A list of fees is available on the RVS website. Families are encouraged to take advantage of the early registration discount to offset some of the transportation cost. Eligible families may also apply to have their transportation fees waived by completing a Transportation Fee Waiver.

The June 30 early registration discount of \$40 is extended to each of the first two Kindergarten – Grade 12 students in a family, with additional students receiving \$20 off if registering early. A minimum payment of 50 per cent is due at registration. Bus service may be cancelled up until Oct. 31 to receive a full refund for all fees paid. Families are urged to register as soon as possible for transportation to ensure a smooth start to the fall. To guarantee service for the first day of school, registration must be received before Aug. 1. Students registered after this deadline may experience delays of two to three weeks before they can ride the bus. A step-by-step guide to registration, fee information and more is available on the Transportation section of the RVS website.



Grade Five and Six School Supply List



**STUDENTS IN GRADES FIVE AND SIX ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SCHOOL SUPPLIES.
CHECK OUT WHAT YOU WILL NEED FOR SCHOOL
SUPPLIES HERE.**



**REMEMBER TO COME THE
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL WITH
EVERYTHING LABELED WITH
YOUR NAME!**

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-4 ARE
PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL.**