



May 29, 2026

Good afternoon ALS families,

Oh my goodness, it has been quite a week at ALS!

The week began with considerable uncertainty surrounding several of our off-campus learning experiences as we monitored the significant rainfall and flooding concerns across the region. Thankfully, all our planned trips were able to proceed, although a few required adjustments, delays, and creative problem-solving due to weather, mechanical issues, and transportation challenges.

Our Grade 6 students travelled to Drumheller, our Grade 7 students visited Heritage Park, and our Grade 8 Outdoor Education students spent three days camping and hiking in Kananaskis. The feedback from our Outdoor Ed students was unanimous: Mr. Smaniotto made the trip an incredible experience and ensured students stayed warm, safe, and engaged despite the less-than-ideal weather conditions. His flexibility, creativity, and commitment to students were greatly appreciated.

In town, Our Grade 9 students also enjoyed a visit to StoryBook Theatre to see *Shrek*, with additional groups attending next week.

Without question, the highlight of the week was Thursday evening's Grade 9 Farewell. This event marks an important milestone in the lives of our students as they prepare to leave middle school and begin their high school journey. After spending five years with many of these students, it is difficult to imagine ALS without them. We are incredibly proud of the young people they have become and wish them every success as they move on to the next chapter of their educational journey.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Ms. Tompkins, Mr. Cousins, and Ms. Sayed for their leadership in planning and organizing this year's Grade 9 Farewell. Working with our entire grade 9 team and alongside our student committee, they helped ensure that student voice was reflected throughout the event and that the evening was meaningful and memorable for our graduates. I would also like to recognize all staff members who volunteered their time to plan, organize, decorate, set up, supervise, and celebrate with our students. These events do not happen without tremendous effort behind the scenes. Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening so special. I hope our students and families enjoyed this important celebration.

As mentioned above, the rain did create some challenges. Unfortunately, the annual Middle School Football Tournament scheduled for today had to be postponed and has been rescheduled for next week. At this point, our Track and Field Meet scheduled for Monday remains a go.



I would also like to share several staffing updates with our community.

Andrew Crabbe has accepted a new position at Bob Edwards School. They are very fortunate to have Andrew joining their team. His creativity, enthusiasm, and energy will be a tremendous asset, and their Grade 6 students will be exceptionally well served.

Victoria Milligan has accepted a new position at Clarence Sansom School. Clarence Sansom is gaining an outstanding educator whose expertise in literacy and English language learning will greatly benefit students and staff alike. Victoria's contributions to their learning community will undoubtedly be significant.

Emily Fischer has accepted a job-share position at Dr. Freda Miller School. Dr. Freda Miller is fortunate to have someone of Emily's calibre joining their team, and her students and colleagues will benefit greatly from her professionalism, dedication, and expertise.

I would also like to congratulate Ms. Carla Samuelson on her upcoming retirement. Carla has been a valued member of the ALS community for many years and has positively impacted the lives of countless students. Her dedication, kindness, and commitment to young people have left a lasting mark on our school. While we will miss her greatly, we wish her every happiness and success in retirement.

On a positive note, we are pleased to share that Ms. Emily McKeon is scheduled to return to ALS next year.

As staffing and organizational plans continue to evolve, there may be additional updates throughout the month of June. For example, we have several staff members on temporary contracts and as the staffing process progresses, we will be able to share with you how things progress for them as well. We will keep families informed as information becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support of Arbour Lake School. I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy the sunshine this weekend. As always, please reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to support your family.

Warm regards,

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## Announcements & Reminders:

### REPORTING AN ABSENCE

To report an absence, you can now email: [arbourlake@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:arbourlake@cbe.ab.ca) with your student's full name and grade or you can continue to use the Absence Phone Line 403-777-7310 Ext 1.

### CELEBRATING OUR COYOTES

New this year is our Celebrating Our Coyotes initiative. We want to recognize the accomplishments of our students not only at school but also for the impressive things they do outside of school. Many students are engaged in athletics, the arts, community activities, and leadership beyond the classroom. We see Coyotes volunteering, performing in music and dance, acting on stage, coding, and robotics, competing in debate and science fairs, mentoring younger students, fundraising for causes, and contributing to cultural and faith communities. These achievements deserve to be highlighted, and we would love to feature them on our school social media. If your child has something to celebrate, please send a brief description with the student's name and grade, any relevant details or links, and a photo if you are comfortable with it being shared. We will use first names only in our posts. Send submissions directly to [nmlisi@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:nmlisi@cbe.ab.ca).

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

June 12	Football Tournament - Rescheduled
June 8	Track and Field Meet
June 9	Gr. 9 to Storybook Theatre
June 10	Gr. 7/8 Drama Field Trip
June 15-19	Spirit Week
June 18	Gr. 9s to Arbour Lake
June 23	Gr. 7s to Arbour Lake
	Gr. 6 to the Movies
June 24	Gr. 7 to the Movies
	Gr. 6 to Arbour Lake
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Report Cards Available on PowerSchool</b>
	Gr. 9 to the Movies
<b>June 26</b>	<b>Last Day of Classes</b>
<b>June 29</b>	<b>Non-Instructional Day – 8am-12pm Appeals</b>

## **Grade 6 & 9 Provincial Achievement Test Dates**

May 21	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A
May 25	Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature Part A



June 4	Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature Part B
June 10	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B
June 12	Grade 6 Science
June 15	Grade 6 Math Part A
June 16	Grade 9 Math Part A
June 18	Grade 6 Math Part B
June 19	Grade 9 Math part B
June 22	Grade 9 Social Studies
June 23	Grade 9 Science

## Healthy Hunger: Fun Lunch Program

**VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED:** On behalf of School Council, we are always in need of volunteers to help sort the lunches. If you are able to spare a couple hours on a Thursday please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CABA723A1FAC52-60960362-healthy>

Please visit HealthyHunger.ca to create an account and order. When logging in to place an order, please search for **Arbour Lake Middle School** on the Healthy Hunger website.

June 11	Papa John's
June 17	Kernels
June 18	Subway
June 25	Edo

## Athletics & Extracurricular Activities

### Clubs & Activities May Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
	- Scale Model Builders Rm. 160 - QSA Rm. 203	- Card Magic Club Rm. 160	- Cribbage Club Rm. 219 - Scale Model Builders R. 160
<b>After School</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>After School</b>

### Athletic Events

See Ms. MacDougall's notices – sent on Weekend.



## The Coyotes' Canteen: NOW OPEN

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Cheddar Goldfish</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>SmartFood Popcorn</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Lay's Oven Baked Chips</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Sun Chips: Harvest Cheddar</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Rold Gold Pretzels</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Veggie Straws: Original, Wavy Sea Salt, &amp; Zesty Ranch</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Chocolate Cookie</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Small Noodle Bowl: Beef, Chicken, Spicy, Veggie</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Large Noodle Bowl: Beef &amp; Chicken</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>Kraft Dinner: Original &amp; Poutine</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Juice: Apple, Orange, &amp; Grapefruit</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>

- ❖ All items are subject to availability & prices may change without prior notice to reflect cost by supplier. This is non-profit service. Items are sold at cost.
- ❖ All Sales are CASH ONLY

## Arbour Lake School Social Media

Instagram:      arbourlake\_cbe

