



AVONDALE SCHOOL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Avondale School Newsletter

February 2018



Fri. Jan. 26th

Dress as your favorite book character!



Avondale Nitehawk Ski Trip - Gr. 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday, Jan. 31st

We are still in need of parent volunteers for the tube hill. If you are able to help us out, please contact your child's teacher.



Thank you. 😊



Avondale's Grade 6 students are taking part in a 10-week program where officers go into the class... each lesson

being one class, ending with a graduation, providing the students participate. Upon completion they may receive a certificate from the officer to recognize their achievement and make a commitment to follow the program.

Good Luck Grade 6's, we are so proud of you!

Thank you to the Grande Prairie Storm Players that came in to read to our students for Literacy Week! You were amazing with the kids!



Thank you!

Parents please drive slowly and with caution as you enter and exit the school parking lot. Please be mindful of our preschool students and staff that may be walking to and from the school bus area as you approach the school's main doors.



Welcome to Avondale!

Important Dates:

- Jan. 26 School Spirit Day
- Jan. 27 Family Literacy Day
- Jan. 31 Nitehawk Ski Trip Gr. 4 - 6
- Feb. 1 Family Movie Night
- Feb. 2 PD Day—No School
- Feb. 8 Preschool FOP
- Feb. 14 School Spirit Day
- Feb. 15 National Flag Day
- Feb. 16 100th Day of School
- Feb. 19 Family Day—No School
- Feb. 24 Gr. 5/6 Mini Basketball
- Feb. 28 Pink Shirt Day

DONATE

Community Clothing Drive

Jan. 29th - Feb. 5th, 2018

Do you have any new or gently used children's clothing laying around the house? Avondale School is hosting a clothing drive.



PLEASE DONATE

Outgrown, gently used, washed clothing

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



Avondale School
10226 108 Ave
(780) 532-3230

PosterMyWall.com





Family Movie Night

Presenting
Coco
(a pre-release)
February 1st

Doors open - 6:15 pm
Showing - 6:30 pm
***In the school gym**

Feel free to bring blankets, pillows, or chairs

It is so important that victims of bullying know they are not alone and there is help and support available. Wearing a pink shirt on this day sends a strong message to them that others care. Often, the simple act of wearing a shirt can start conversations - conversations can be a big step towards healing and helping!



Wear pink to take a stand against bullying.

Preschool FOP - Feb. 8th

3:30 - 5 pm Or 5 - 6:30 pm



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Next Meeting will take place:

Date: February 7th
Time: 6:30pm

Where: Avondale School

- ⇒ Snacks will be provided
- ⇒ Babysitting will be provided

Please RSVP to Ms. Black at:
kristina.black@gppsd.ab.ca

Parents please join us to have input into our school direction and events. We look forward to seeing you!





Avondale School



10226 108 Avenue
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Dear Parent /Guardian,

As you already know our school has an established emergency response plan. As part of the plan each year our school practices various safety procedures with our students and staff. Teachers discuss the procedures with their students, explaining how and when the procedures would be used. In order to ensure that our students and staff would be able to execute the procedure should an emergency occur, we rehearse the procedures through drills. These drills are conducted at various times throughout the school year, and sometimes in concert with emergency responders such as police or fire.

To properly prepare students, and ensure they are not frightened by the proceedings, teachers will be discussing the drills with students both prior to and following the event.

We wanted to make certain you were aware of our plans so you could discuss the drill with your child, and to advise you that no visitors will be permitted into the school during a drill. If you happen to call or arrive at the school during the drill you will be redirected or instructed to call back following the drill.

Next week we will be practicing the following drill with our students:

LOCK-DOWN: Used for threat of violence inside the school. During LOCK-DOWN students and staff will retreat to lockable rooms and will lock the doors.

While we hope we never have to actually use the procedure, we want to make sure all of our students and staff are well prepared to execute the procedure should the need arise.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in ensuring the continuing safety of our students. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding drills or other safety concerns, please feel free to contact the school principal.

Kristina Black
Principal, Avondale School

JOIN US

— IN SUPPORT OF —
Avondale School Council
Events

Avondale's 1st Semi-annual

Second Chance Clothing Sale

Wednesday Feb. 7, 2018

3-4pm & 5:30-6:30pm

Thursday Feb. 8, 2018

7:30am-8:30am

**Lightly used
children's
clothes!**

**Laid out by
size for you
to shop!**

The BEST part?

**It is free to come browse the
selection! See something you like?**

FILL A BAG FOR ONLY \$2.00!

The Breakfast Club Youth Program

- stressed out?
- conflict with family or friends?
- not fitting in?
- dealing with low self-esteem or emotional struggles?

2018 Retreats:

February 9-11

March 23-25

April 27-29

(Fall Dates TBD)

Free weekend retreats for teens

Anyone can refer a teen

Phone: 780.539.7142

Online: www.sp-rc.ca

Email: bclub@sp-rc.ca

Text: 780.402.1579

for updates, see www.facebook.com/BreakfastClubGP

The Breakfast Club is available at no cost to participants thanks to: City of Grande Prairie Community Social Development/ FCSS, County of Grande Prairie No.1 FCSS, Green View FCSS, Alberta Health Services, Child and Family Services, grants, donations, & fundraising. The name is inspired by the movie, "The Breakfast Club," by John Hughes.



Parents please remind your children if they have lost an item or are missing anything to please check the Lost and Found located just outside our gym doors.



Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
Books are Awesome
and so are You!

Happy Valentine's Day!

The Learning Network Educational Services is working with Kim Ruptash from Alberta Health Services on a professional learning opportunity aimed at educators, **including parents!**

We have arranged for Kim to present two webinars on March 1, 2018 –

Webinar #1 will be offered from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. -

IO18-136 Vaping and Electronic Smoking Products: What You Need to Know

Presented by: Kim Ruptash

March 1, 2018 1:00 pm Online

FOCUS: Inclusive Education

<https://www.learning-network.org/program/2382>

Webinar #2 will be offered that same evening from 7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

IO18-137 Vaping and Electronic Smoking Products: What You Need to Know

Presented by: Kim Ruptash

March 1, 2018 7:00 pm Online

FOCUS: Inclusive Education

<https://www.learning-network.org/program/2383>

The Breakfast Club Youth Program

2018 Workshops:
February 3
March 17
May 12

Free 1-day workshops for preteens (grades 4 to 6)

friendships **stress** feelings
art/crafts
bullying **dealing with anger**
communication **lunch**
discussions **problem solving**
games

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