





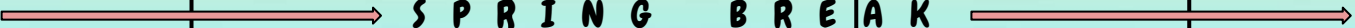







GET YOUR YEARBOOK



April

31 	1 Easter Monday NO SCHOOL	2 Scholastic Book Fair begins! 	3 Parent/Teacher Interviews (3:30pm - 5:30pm) Cutoff is NOON today to buy Subway Band Society mtg - 7pm (conf. rm)	4 Parent/Teacher Interviews (3:30pm - 8:00pm) Discovery Night (5pm - 7pm in the gym)	5 Scholastic Book Fair ends at noon! 	6
7	8 	9 School Council AGM - 7pm Library	10 Subway Day! 	11 Grade 7/8 Band Trip to WEM!	12 Gr 7/8 Band kids return (10pm)	13
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21 	22	23	24 Dual Credit Grade 9 Info Night - 7pm Library! (For current Gr 9s & their parents)	25 Pizza Day!  Gr 6 field trip to Hangar Museum!	26	27
28	29	30 	1 Kindergarten Orientation Day!	2	3 	4 

From the Principal's Desk

April is upon us, as are hopes that the warmer weather will soon return. As we head into the final stretch of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some important happenings at Cremona School.

School Council AGM: April 9 at 7pm

Our school council plays a role in shaping the direction and priorities of our parent population. The input and involvement of parents are invaluable in creating a supportive and enriching environment for our students. Whether it is helping with events, discussing policies, or fundraising for school improvements, the council is a part of our community. We encourage all parents to attend school council meetings and if interested, consider joining the board of elected members. We currently have some **important vacancies including chair and vice-chair**. If you are interested or want more information, please reach out to me at the school.

Division Student and Parent Surveys are now open:

We are committed to continuous improvement and ensuring that our school meets the needs of our students and families. One of the most important ways we can achieve this is by responding to feedback. Our annual division survey is now open to all students in grades 4-12 as well as all parents/guardians. We encourage all parents to participate as your insights are crucial in helping us make informed decisions to our school programs. Thank you in advance for taking the time to help us gather this valuable information.

There is a lot happening at our school: Badminton season is in full swing with the athletes practicing hard. Dual credit for second semester sees 14 students attend welding at Olds College Campus, as well as many others taking online dual credit options. Kindergarten orientation is happening soon; if you have an eligible kinder for the 2024-2025 school year, please join us on May 1st at 9am in our library.

A few reminders as we head in to April:

- Parent-teacher interviews (and the scholastic book fair) take place April 3 (3:30-5:30pm) and April 4 (3:30-8pm).
- Thanks to everyone that helped with our March Literacy Month. The donations were greatly appreciated as was the commitment to literacy!
- Spring weather can still be unpredictable in April, please plan ahead for the changing conditions.
- Some other dates to consider: Apr 4 is Discovery Night in the gym (all are welcome), Apr 9 is our School Council AGM, and Apr 15-19 is spring break (no school).

Thank you all for your continued support of our school, staff and most importantly our students.

Darrel Korody



LITERACY FAIR!

We really appreciate the community members who took some time during our Read-In-Month to share their love of literature by reading to our students: Rebecca Smith, Rosemarie McGonigle, Rachel Reid, Heather McEwan, Tera Ricci, Kristy Hampton, Heather Fletcher, Tiffany Ireland, Chris Bellamy, Diane Whitlow, Melissa Mills, John Livermore and Gail Cummings.

Thank you also to Mrs. Lapere, Mr. Korody, Mrs. Carlee and Mrs. Digby for reading with many classes. The students loved seeing you in a different setting.

We were very fortunate to have wonderful prizes donated to celebrate our reading champions by way of Indigo gift cards, toys, crafts, DVDs, games and candy! Thank you to everyone who donated these prizes.

- Over 42,000 minutes were read during our Read-A-Thon!
- Gr 6 students read the most minutes (7,539 mins), followed by Gr 7 (7,130 mins) and the 4/5 split (7,050 mins)!
- Team **PINK** wins for the loooooongest book worm (181 circles), followed by team **Purple** (159), then **Yellow** (148)!
- Just over \$2,000 was collected in Read-A-Thon pledges which will be used to help offset field trip costs, help pay for the Library Accelerated Reader program and other future literacy based projects!

Counsellor's • CORNER •

Grade 9 Info Night:

Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00pm will be our annual Grade 9 parent and student meeting in the library. Teachers will explain their high school classes and will hand out the recommendations for high school levels of courses. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me!

Grade 10 Students: Individual student interviews with Grade 10 students have begun. We will discuss course selection for next year as well as future aspirations after high school.

Grade 11 Students: I have had the opportunity to talk with every Grade 11 student regarding their career goals after high school. Based on this discussion, we mapped out a rough schedule for their Grade 12 year.

Grade 12 Parents: The grade 12 students who have committed to post-secondary school should apply for RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP late Spring or Summer. There are no set deadlines anymore. Please note that IF your teenager takes a "year off" and THEN attends post-secondary, he/she will still qualify depending on marks. They will apply when they decide to return to school, not now. "Rutherford scholarship" is available to any Alberta student who has 75% and over in 5 subjects (including options) in grades 10, 11, and 12. THEY MUST BE ATTENDING A POST-SECONDARY school TO GET THE MONEY. Even if your teenager says "I don't have good enough marks," he or she should still apply as even work experience marks are included!! The form can be found in the Scholarships area of the ALIS website. (or google "Rutherford Scholarship application") Our school code is "5103" and it takes about 10 minutes to complete online but if you have any questions, please contact me.

Scholarships:

April 14th - CST Foundation Bursary Awards - 50 awards at \$6,000 each - Applicants must be a Canadian citizen, have graduated high school, and be a first generation post-secondary student (first person in their family to attend college or university)

April 15th - Mission Creek Orthodontic Scholarship - \$500 - Submit an answer to the essay question and must be in last year of high school or year 1-3 of your post-secondary degree.

April 28th - Ayn Rand Institute (ARI) Essay Contest - up to \$5,000 - Submit an essay based on one of the novels by Ayn Rand

April 30th - Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) Bursary - up to \$12,000 over 2 years - Must be within two years of completing their program. Recipients are required to sign a contract committing them to work in northern Alberta for each year of receiving the bursary.

April 30th - Paramedic "Pay It Forward" Student Award - \$1,000 - Nominate student who is studying a paramedic program in Alberta.

April 30th - Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists Undergraduate Student Scholarships - \$1,000 - To provide recognition to up and coming Geology or Earth Science students who demonstrate a keen interest and flair for geology, particularly as it pertains to soft-rock geology and oil and gas exploration and development.

April 30th - Childhood Cancer Canada Survivor Scholarships - \$1,500 up to \$5,000 - Open to young adult cancer survivors to support post-secondary academic aspirations and recognize the personal triumphs of students who have survived childhood cancer.

April 30th - CABEF Canadian Agri-Business Education Foundation Scholarship - \$3,750 (multiple) - Canadian students who will be pursuing an agricultural or ag-related program at a recognized Canadian college, university or trade school are eligible to apply.

April 30th - MyBluePrint & ScotiaBank Scholarships - \$2,500 (7 awards) - There are 4 award categories for students in the Alberta region, including Diversity, STEM, Future Women Leaders and Financial Wellness.

May 1st - Chinook's Edge Exceptional Accomplishment Scholarship - \$100 - For students with Special Needs.

May 1st - 4-H Alberta Scholarships - Various amounts and criteria - applications are open annually from March to May.

May 1st - AG for Life & DFC Here for Tomorrow Scholarship - 3 awards of \$5,000 - for students who submit a creative piece (essay, video, art, etc) about sustainability in the agriculture sector.

THE YES PRESS



March in the YES Room!

This month saw the start of lots of small groups in the YES room! Friendship groups, Exercise Guys and Boys Clubs!

The YES program's goal is to promote mental health and wellness in youth. We normalize the topic of mental health and build on important social and emotional skills to enhance resiliency and create opportunities for connection.

Coming Up!

Stay tuned for some fun groups and events coming up next month!!

- 3rd annual Cremona Olympics event!
- Let's Chalk About It is coming back to Cremona at the end of April/beginning of May!

Encouragement!

one thing at a time.

After School Activities!

This month was filled with mini sticks, paint nights and movie nights!



YES Program



Leadership news

Leadership would like to thank everyone who participated in the March Read-a-thon! It has been a lot of fun to watch each House Colour Team's bookworm grow during the month! We have enjoyed helping by putting up the circles each week, and creating our House Colour Team name crossword at the beginning of the month! We hope parents enjoy seeing them in the hallways during Parent/Teacher Interviews! Congratulations to Team Pink for reading the most amount of minutes!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in dressing up for Saint Patrick's Day to gain points for their House Colour Team. Students and staff, make sure to continue to dress up to beat Team Blue this year!

We also want to thank everyone who purchased meals during our hotdog fundraiser in March; we appreciate your support!

Through April, we will continue to fundraise for our ASLC trip, so please drop by and support us to limit our costs! You can find us on April 4th at Cremona School's Discovery Night selling hot dog meals. We are excited to attend ASLC from April 28th to the 30th. We are also helping to organize Cremona's Talent Show on Friday, April 26th! Auditions will run the first week of April. We invite all students to practice your unique, jaw-dropping, and awe-inspiring talents!



Community Education Service



Improving emotional health and well being

Vaping & Youth

Presented by: Health Promotion Facilitators, Community Health Promotion Services (CHPS), Mental Health Collaborative, Alberta Health Services

Across Canada, e-cigarette use, also known as vaping, is reaching new heights amongst teenagers. This presentation will focus on common devices used for vaping, substances vaped such as nicotine and cannabis, and the health risks associated with vaping. We will present on how to engage in challenging conversations with your young person regarding vaping.

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024
6:00 pm – 8:00pm**

Click [HERE](#) to register for
this FREE event!



This session is presented by the Community Education Service of the Mental Health Collaborative & Child & Adolescent Addiction & Mental Health and Psychiatry Program (CAAMHPP) of Alberta Health Services and **Community Health Promotion Services (CHPS), AHS.**

CES@ahs.ca <http://community.hmhc.ca/> 403 955-4730

Band Society Update



Hello Band Parents,

In March our high school concert band and jazz band students participated in the Olds Kiwanis Festival and received glowing reviews! The concert band received “DISTINCTION” and the jazz band received “FIRST CLASS HONOURS!” Great job everyone!

April is an exciting month for our band students! Our Grade 7 & 8 students will head off on their field trip to Edmonton on April 11 & 12. They will benefit from clinician instruction at Grant MacEwan University. For some relaxation they will hit the West Edmonton Mall and the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra!

We are planning to hold a flower basket fundraiser with delivery happening near Mother’s Day. Please watch for further information from Mr. Hutcheon on this.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **April 3rd at 7pm** in the school conference room (beside the library). Everyone is welcome to attend!



Cremona School Library

Scholastic

BOOK FAIR

April
2-5
2024



Spend \$5.00
Spin Prize
Wheel

Tuesday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Wednesday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am - 8:00pm
Friday: 8:00am - NOON

The Library is once again hosting a Scholastic Book Fair where 60% of the sales stays in our school! Your support is key in helping us obtain new books, resources, author visits, writing workshops and more for our school!

Bouquets & Celebrations



- BIG THANK YOU to all the students and parents who participated in our Literacy Month! Big round of applause to Mrs. Kempster for bringing this to life!
- Thanks to Mr Hutcheon for organizing the Sundre Hospital Skills Day for our high school students interested in pursuing careers in the medical field. The hands on experiences were eye-opening!
- Thank you to each of our amazing EAs! The support you provide to our kids is truly indispensable!
- Thank you to our amazing bus drivers for delivering our kiddoes to and from school and field trips safely!
- Thank you to Cremona School Enhancement Society for the great recess equipment!
- Bouquet to Dalene Scott for ironing all the band shirts & to Judith Friesen for hauling all the instruments for our Kiwanis Festival!
- HUGE THANK YOU to the high school foods class, Ms Sinclair & Ms. Sheppard for the wonderful GRUFFALO cakes!
- A huge thank you to all the parents who helped with the swimming, skating, skiing, museum and band field trips. Our community volunteers are amazing!
- The elementary students would like to thank Mrs. Ross and the foods class for the very exciting Gruffalo activities in March.



ORDER FORM

Growing Smiles
Fundraising



\$39
12" PATIO PLANTER
An upgraded blend of our top performers set to thrive in full sun. It's the ticket to springtime paradise right in your own space! *Mixes vary.*



\$n/a
12" HANGING BASKET
Say hello to our latest flower mixes! These hanging baskets are perfect for sunny spots, blooming with color & trailing plants. *Mixes vary.*



\$27
11" STRAWBERRY BASKET
Enjoy the treat of fresh, homegrown strawberries all summer. Blossoms in white or pink, these everbearing varieties are beautiful & delicious!



\$45
2G PATIO ROSE
Floribunda roses in 2-gallon patio pots with bamboo arches are bred to bloom year after year. Potential colors range from light pink to red.



\$40
GARDEN STARTERS



\$40
wave PETUNIAS



\$32
LETTUCE GARDEN



\$40 **NEW!**
INDOOR FOLIAGE TRIO
Welcome the cascade of a trailing Pothos, the vibrant pop of color from a Tradescantia, & the elegant stature of a Dieffenbachia! Display beautifully in 3x 6" deco pots.
Duplicates/Substitutes may occur.



\$36
LETTUCE GARDEN
10-PK HERBS
An assortment of our finest herbs! Varieties may include: Basil (Sweet & Thai), Thyme, Chives (Onion & Garlic), Mint (Mojito & Peppermint), Oregano, Parsley, & Rosemary.
Duplicates/Substitutes may occur.



\$36
LETTUCE GARDEN
10-PK VEGGIES
Savor the goodness of having homegrown veggies in your garden! Varieties may include: Romaine, Kale, Cucumber, Squash, Zucchini, Tomatoes (x4) and Peppers (x2).
Duplicates/Substitutes may occur.



\$15
ORGANIC SOIL (30L)
A blend of compost, kelp, fish meal, peat moss, glacial rock dust & rice hull.
FERTILIZER SHAKER (1.8 kg)
Confidently nourish your plants with a GardenPro Veggie+Flower shaker.
\$18

Please keep in mind:
Baskets and planters are grown in a variety of mixes, plants/colors/pots will vary from photos. Herb and Veggie packs may contain duplicates and substitutions.
10-packs are sold as one item, and cannot be mixed/matched. Specific colors cannot be selected for the roses.



Cremona School Enhancement Society News...

Growing Smiles Fundraiser is now live & runs until Apr 19th!

Orders can be made online at <https://cses.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>. The elementary and middle school kids will be coming home with a paper order form. All products are available for purchase except the hanging baskets which the Band Society is selling separately this spring.

FREE Magic Show presented by CSES on Wednesday May 1st!

The popular magician, Christopher Cool, is coming to the school at 6:30pm to entertain us all. This is a FREE family event open to all in the Cremona School community. Mark it on your calendars!!

2nd annual Online Auction coming in May!

CSES is busy collecting donations from various businesses to auction off with all proceeds going to fund various programs at the school. If anyone is interested in donating an item, please contact any CSES member at csesociety2011@gmail.com or text Heather Foat @ 403-542-6310. We have some great items so far, including Calaway Park passes, Co-op gift basket, River's Edge Camp Registration, Genesis Place passes and Spray Lakes passes. All donations are accepted.

It's a Roaring 20's
LADIES' NIGHT
 IN SUPPORT OF
Westbrook PlaySchool
 SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH AT 7PM
 VENDORS - SILENT AUCTION
 50/50 - COCKTAILS
AT THE WATER VALLEY HALL
 Come out and Support our PlaySchool in Style!
 (costumes completely optional)
 Cash Bar
 Snacks provided by the PlaySchool Association

DELTA & WHISKEY
 Calgary Folk, Celtic, Bluegrass Trio

Foundation for the Arts

The Scrapyard

Cremona Library (Outside)

Tuesday, April 9, May 14 & June 11
 3:15 to 5 pm

Lets Get Creative!

- Explore our collection of scrap materials (planks, wood blocks, tarps, etc) to build one of a kind creations!
- Free outdoor program for children ages 7-12**
- Children will be responsible for helping with set up and take down of materials.
- Hot dog and juice box will be provided.

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 Family and Community Support Services

Registration is required!
 Register online at www.mvfrn.ca

PRESENTED BY:
CREMONA COMMUNITY HALL SOCIETY
 SATURDAY APRIL 27, DOORS AT 6:30 SHOW 7 PM
 TICKETS: \$25 for 18 and up; \$10 for 12 to 17 & free 11 and under
 Available at KC Foods, Cremona Credit Union Bank or through hall board members. Call 403-637-3912

Book your parent/teacher interviews online at
www.cremonaschool.ca/bookings



Last month, 9 Cremona School students interested in pursuing a career in health care participated in the Sundre Hospital Skills Day. These 9 lucky students had a fun-filled, hands-on experience where they learned how to polish teeth, take a blood sample, insert a breathing tube, perform CPR, suture a pig leg, and tour an ambulance.





Welcome to
HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9 Info Night

April 24
7pm
Library!

FOR CURRENT GRADE 9
STUDENTS AND THEIR
PARENTS/GUARDIANS

For more information please email
ahutcheon@cesd73.ca

Cremona Community Engagement Site - to register email coordinator@cremonaces.com

CAPOTE MAKING CLASS - Spend a day learning about Metis culture by making a traditional capote. A capote is a warm, wrap style jacket made from a wool blanket. No sewing experience is required and all stitching is done by hand. You will need to bring one wool blanket (double to queen size fits most adults) and some yarn. 100% wool blankets can often be found in thrift stores or purchased on Amazon.

DATE: Saturday, April 13th TIME: 9-4pm

LOCATION: Water Valley Arts & Wellness Centre

COST: \$120 per person

HANDMADE MUGS FOR MOTHER'S DAY - Come on out April 24th 6pm to the Cremona Gold & Silver club! We will have Rylee from The Potter's House, joining us to walk us through painting Ceramics. She will bring with her an assortment of ready to paint mugs. These are handmade mugs individually made by Rylee. You can paint your own pattern and design using special high temperature glazes. Once your mug is painted Rylee will take them back to the studio for their final glaze firing to cure the design. Pottery be will be ready for pick up May 8th at Cremona Library.

Items will be microwave and dishwasher safe and just in time for Mother's Day!

DATE: Wednesday April 24th TIME: 6-7:30pm

LOCATION: Cremona Gold and Silver Club

COST: \$65 under age 55, \$50 for seniors 55+ Must register by April 6th

PET CPR AND FIRST AID - Combined CPR and First Aid for pets. Includes 7 hours of class room, hands on practice, reference book and certificate. Includes instruction on Preparation for Emergency Care, Approach, Capture and Restrain an Injured dog, Life Threatening Emergencies, Vital Signs, CPR, Wound Care, and Prevention. First Aid kits available for \$25.

DATE: Saturday, April 20th TIME: 9-4pm

LOCATION: Cremona Gold and Silver Club

COST: \$65 under age 55, \$50 for seniors 55+

SIMPLE WATERCOLOR LANDSCAPES -Join artist Sally Towers-Sybbilis and learn how to paint artist trading card size landscapes in watercolour. If you haven't tried watercolour before, this class is for you! There are many tricks to painting with watercolour. You will learn several of them in this class. After we paint our landscapes, we will make a mini portfolio to keep our paintings in.

DATE: Saturday, May 4th TIME: 10-4pm

LOCATION: Cremona Gold and Silver Club

COST: \$55 under age 55, \$45 for seniors 55+



**THURSDAY, APR 4
5 P.M. - 7 P.M.**

DISCOVERY NIGHT

IN THE GYM!

**TO BOOK YOUR
FREE TABLE
CONTACT
THERESA MCPIKE
TCMCPIKE@ICLOUD.COM**

LEADERSHIP STUDENTS PRESENT:

HOT DOG FUNDRAISER!

**CHECK OUT ALL THE
LOCAL
CLUBS! TEAMS!
VENDORS!
BUSINESSES!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

@ Cremona Library



MONDAYS

Apr 8, 15, 22 & 29

WEDNESDAYS

Apr 10, 17 & 24

WEDNESDAY

Apr 3

WE'RE HIRING! APPLY TODAY

CONTACT US!



10:30- 11:30 am

Story Time

Drop-in program for ages 0-6 and parents/caregivers.

Enjoy stories, crafts & activities with your little ones.

Join us for a special Story Time w/ Friends on April 8, "Tooth Express Tales: Sparkling Smiles for Little Ones"



3:15- 4:15 pm

Lego Club

For ages 5 and up. Build, create, have fun!

Space is limited. Registration is required.



3:15- 5:00 pm

After School Movie- Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway

Join us at Cremona FCSS for an after-school movie! Popcorn will be provided. Suitable for children ages 8+. Children under 8 may attend if accompanied by a parent/ guardian. This is a drop in program but pre-registration will be available. *Your child must know your phone number if they are NOT pre-registered*

Summer Reading Program Assistant

This is a term position, one half-day shift per week, throughout July and August, plus a paid orientation shift prior to program start. You will be responsible for organizing and delivering the Summer Reading Club at the library, under the supervision and guidance of the Library Manager.

Working with other Summer Reading Program Assistants, you will supervise and guide a group of 5 to 12 year olds through a summer of fun, reading and activities both indoors and outdoors.

Job Requirements

- Must be 15 years of age or older
- Comfortable working with children ages 5 to 12
- Friendly and positive attitude
- Organized and detail-oriented, with the ability to take initiative
- Ability to take and follow instructions
- Be willing to commit to the full duration or most of the work assignment (every Monday from July 1 to August 26, except Heritage Day- August 5)
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment

Salary

\$15.00 per hour, paid monthly

How to apply

Drop off, or email (cremonalibrary@prl.ab.ca) your resume or stop by the library and complete a job application.



(403)637-3100



cremonalibrary@prl.ab.ca



www.prl.ab.ca/Cremona



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LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY	10 am- 5 pm
TUESDAY	1 pm- 8 pm
WEDNESDAY	10 am- 5 pm
THURSDAY	10 am- 5 pm
FRIDAY	10 am- 5 pm
SATURDAY	CLOSED
SUNDAY	CLOSED
HOLIDAYS	CLOSED

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION DETAILS