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#### Next Public School Board Meeting

February 23, 2022  
 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be available to the public via Google meet to ensure that we are in no way contributing to the spread of COVID-19 in the communities we serve.

The January 26th CRPS Public School Board meeting was closed for in-person public attendance to help prevent the community spread of the COVID-19 virus. The meeting was available to the public through a Google Meet link. The meeting was recorded and the recording is posted on the division website.

#### CRPS Learning Calendars

The current 2021-2022 CPRS Learning Calendar is due to expire on June 30, 2022. Several drafts of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 calendars were brought to administration, staff, and trustees for feedback.

At the January 26th Public School Board meeting the Board of Trustees approved the 2022-23 calendar as presented. The 2023-24 calendar was given tentative approval pending possible adjustment to September 30th being designated a Statutory Holiday.

The two-week spring break will remain, as well as professional learning opportunities on Friday afternoons throughout the year.

Visit the [CRPS website](http://www.crps.ca) to view the 2022-23 and 2023-24 calendars

#### COVID-19 Update

CRPS COVID Team would like to express our sincere appreciation to all students, parents and staff for their efforts to make the return to school following the extended winter break go smoothly for our students. It is important that we continue to work together to meet the needs of our students and support them in their learning.

The CRPS COVID Team will continue to meet on a weekly basis to monitor the situation and review the safety protocols in place. Any changes will be promptly communicated with families. Our staff and many families have expressed their gratitude that our school community has come together to implement these temporary protocols.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding as we work through these challenging times.



Arlene Rheume  
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**Banff Elementary Music Program**

Ms. Grace Gadon, music teacher at Banff Elementary School and former alumni of Queen's University, has been highlighted in "The Knowledge Forum", a Queen's Faculty of Education magazine, for her continued dedication and creative approach to teaching music during these challenging times.

Using Google Classroom, Ms. Gadon utilized technology to create a musical space for each of her classes and to engage and connect her students with the teacher as well as with each other. Ms. Gadon developed weekly plans for students to explore core musical areas such as composition, movement, and study of instrument families. Student submissions were developed to build interest and excitement about the students' experience of musical learning in their own ways. The participation of students was remarkable with even parents joining in for activities, assisting as videographers for student performances or rounding up kitchen utensils as percussion instruments for virtual play-alongs!

The students were able to continue music education while connecting virtually with Ms. Gadon and other students. This is a reminder that music can be enjoyed anywhere, in any form and by any means and can connect us all during challenging times. Click [here](#) to view a video highlighting the students' online learning.

**Edmonton Community Foundation Donation**

Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) would once again like to express sincere appreciation to the anonymous donor at the Edmonton Community Foundation for the recent donation of \$5000.

For the past several years, this donor at the Edmonton Community Foundation has been very generously supporting nature education and outdoor experiential learning programs within CRPS.

The monies provided have supported the work that CRPS has embarked upon, to provide outdoor, experiential learning to students of all grade levels. These donations have contributed significantly in our ability to both launch and solidify these programs and to enable CRPS to grow healthy bodies in our students, to foster an appreciation and respect for the natural landscape and to develop the skills to safely participate.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Board Chair Arlene Rheaume has sent a letter of sincere appreciation to the Edmonton Community Foundation for sharing and supporting the Board's vision for creating a better world through transformational education that celebrates nature, diversity and well-being.

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