



THE BRIEF

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International Photo Festival Exchange

In a presentation to the board, Sept. 19, Canmore Collegiate High School (CCHS) Teacher **Jodi Anderson** and students **Issy Lyon** and **Conrad Boiger** relayed a vivid account of their journey with fellow student **Ben Dreger** to the “High School Students’ Photo Festival Exchange” in Higashikawa, Japan, in late August. The adventure commenced with a grand opening ceremony and welcome BBQ, setting the stage for a memorable climb the next day to Mount Asahidake, where students captured Japan’s stunning landscapes through their lenses.

At the heart of the festival, CCHS students, along with students from 19 countries, actively participated in two intense photo sessions, receiving invaluable feedback from both peers and judges immediately following.

The culmination of their experience was marked by participation in the vibrant Higashikawa Shrine Festival and an emotional closing ceremonies and well-deserved awards.

As reported by the students, the

cross-cultural adventure not only ignited a passion for photography but also forged lasting friendships, transcending geographical boundaries. ■

New Traffic Plan Coming to Banff Elementary School

Due to traffic and foot congestion at Banff Elementary School (BES), new road designations are being explored. CRPS administration is collaborating with the Town of Banff to introduce new school zone signs and define the following: a bus drop-off and pick-up location, a “kiss and go” area where families can safely accompany their children to access one of two doors at the school, a designated crosswalk, 15-minute loading zones, pavement markings, and reduced speed limits. Once a finalized plan has been agreed upon, BES will shift its focus to educating families and motorists in the area about the new traffic arrangements. ■

Four Year Plan Stakeholder Engagement Process

As CRPS approaches Year 4 of its 2021-2025 Four-Year Education Plan, the spotlight shines on stakeholder

CRPS’ Board of Trustees (left to right): Dale Craig, Arlene Rheaume, Luke Sunderland, Carol Picard, Brian Callaghan

engagement. Recognizing this juncture as a pivotal opportunity to evaluate the plan’s effectiveness and introduce any necessary refinements before its final year of execution, CRPS’ engagement process for Year 4 narrows its focus to two key stakeholder groups: the Board of Trustees and the Education Leadership Team. Both groups are scheduled to participate in performance data workshops, along with a review of the division’s foundational statements and shared vision of instructional excellence.

Following the presentation of the draft plan for Year 4 to the board in January 2024, CRPS will immediately embark on an extensive 18-month consultation process for the

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development of the 2025 - 2029 Four-Year Education Plan, involving students, parents, staff, and community and business partners. ■

New School Calendars to be Developed

Parents are urged to stay informed as

CRPS works to define school calendars for the upcoming school years. As per the Education Act, CRPS' Board of Trustees is responsible for approving the division's learning calendars on an annual basis.

At the board's direction, over the next few months CRPS will gather

input from parents, staff, and the community to align the tentatively approved 2024/25 calendar with their needs, as well as to craft a 2025/26 calendar, to be approved in principle.

Both calendars will be presented to the board this winter. ■

CRPS Tidbits

Important Calendar Date

October School Board Meeting

- The Board of Trustees' next regular meeting is set for Oct. 17, 2023, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Banff Elementary School.

CCHS Golf Team Brings Home Medals from Zone Championships

Canmore Collegiate High School's (CCHS) learning community is abuzz with pride! In an exceptional display of skill and determination at the Strathmore Golf Course on Sept. 18, CCHS' golf teams achieved commendable standings in the zone tournament. The girls' team, impressively consisting of only three players, secured a 3rd place finish. The boys' team showcased their prowess by clinching 2nd place with a collective score of 218, a mere three strokes behind the top team from Springbank. Notably, **Noah Pegram** emerged as a standout, finishing 2nd overall with a brilliant score of 71, ensuring his participation in the upcoming provincials. These achievements were bolstered by the unparalleled

coaching of **Chris Schatzmann**, **Tony Brown** from Stewart Creek, and the late **Bill Dreger** from the Canmore Golf and Curling Club. Surely, Bill's guiding spirit watched over the athletes that day.

#TerryFoxSchoolRun

CRPS proudly continues the legacy of Terry Fox, an emblem of hope and determination, with its active participation in this week's annual Marathon of Hope. United in purpose, CRPS' schools have set a collective fundraising target of approximately \$10,000 for cutting-edge cancer research. Canmore Collegiate High School will lead with its run, Sept. 21, with the six remaining schools following suit on Sept. 22. CRPS has invited the entire Bow Valley community to support these efforts, asking that donations to individual school campaigns be made via the Terry Fox Foundation website. More than just a run, this event embodies CRPS' drive to champion values of perseverance and community, urging everyone to join hands in realizing Terry Fox's dream. Be sure to take pictures at these public events and share them to communication@crps.ca. Oh, and spread the news!

Empowering Families: Preparing for Truth and Reconciliation Day!

As CRPS gears up to observe the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30, our educators recognize that the real change begins at home. To help families prepare for the event, CRPS has launched a specialized section on the division's website titled, "[Truth and Reconciliation - Empowering Families: Preparing for Truth and Reconciliation Day.](#)" This comprehensive collection, boasting books, podcasts, YouTube channels, and more, serves as an invaluable repository of ideas and resources to help families build their foundational knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and the Stoney Nakoda Nation.

Introducing the Principal's Podcast

Banff Elementary School's very own **Craig Kestle** has launched an initiative to profile the success of students and staff at BES! The podcast features special guests highlighting academic learning and extracurricular achievements. The latest episode of the Principal's Podcast can be found on [YouTube](#). Head on over and be sure to subscribe to BES' channel!

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