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# KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## APRIL

### NO SCHOOL

There will be NO SCHOOL from Friday, April 7th to Friday, April 14th  
for the Easter Break.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place in the KA Gym on  
**Wednesday, April 5th from 4-5pm and 6-8:30pm.**

An appointment is not necessary. Parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to come have a conversation with their child's teachers.

#### COURSE SELECTION FOR NEXT YEAR

We are starting to plan for the 2023-2024 School Year. Students have received course selection forms via email (*Google Form*). Students should submit these as soon as possible, but if they have any questions they can be directed to Miss Meurs ([jo-anna.meurs@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:jo-anna.meurs@pallisersd.ab.ca)).

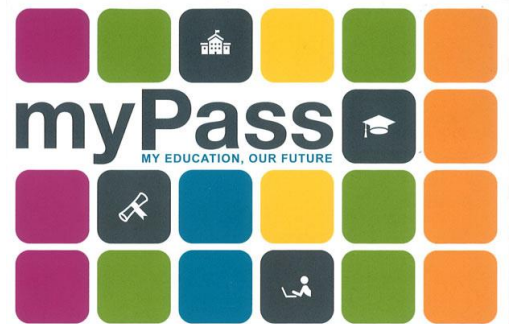
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Every student in Grades 10-12 should sign up for a [myPass](#) account.

This is how you can view Diploma Exam results, credits earned and order transcripts.

**Transcripts do not come from schools. Transcripts come from Alberta Education.**

To sign up, a student must provide the school office or Miss Meurs with a personal email address (*other than their school email address*). Once this is entered in the myPass system, you may sign up for an account. Alternatively, you may choose to receive a secure passcode from Alberta Education via regular mail. If you require assistance, please see Miss Meurs or the office.



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myPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for high school students to:

- ✓ View and print diploma exam results statements
- ✓ Order transcripts
- ✓ And more

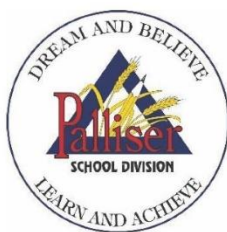
Visit [myPass.alberta.ca](http://myPass.alberta.ca) to request access.



## **The Kate Andrews Spring Band concert is Tuesday, June 6th at 7pm.**

After three years of health restrictions and cancellations, we have finally returned to some sort of normal routine. To celebrate this, I would like to invite former music students to join us! Although I am reaching out to graduating students from 2020-2022 who were directly affected by the health restrictions, **all former students are welcome**. The concert will feature pieces learned during this time, including Cajun Folk Songs (2018), Aladdin (2019), and finishing the concert with Chasing Sunlight (2019 - I would love to have everyone join us for this piece!), as well as some jazz music from the same period.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mr. Godin at the school for more information. If you need an instrument, the Coaldale Musical Arts Society has graciously agreed to cover any instrument cleaning fees that may be incurred for the concert. Please join us - it would be great to see you again!



## The Palliser School Division

### Palliser Centre

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March 27, 2023

**We are pleased to announce that Curtis Uyesugi has accepted the role of Principal for Kate Andrews High School commencing June 30, 2023.**

Curtis earned a Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Science degree in 1996 and a Master of Education in Leadership in 2008 from the University of Lethbridge.

He began his teaching career in 1997 at Bonnyville Centralized High School before teaching at E.S. Laird Middle School in Lloydminster, SK. Curtis served as Vice Principal at that school from 2002 to 2006. In 2006 he was appointed Principal at Bishop Lloyd Middle School in Lloydminster, AB, and served students and staff there until 2013 when he became Principal of West Meadow Elementary School in Claresholm. In 2019 he joined Palliser School Division as Principal of Jennie Emery Elementary School where he has been since.



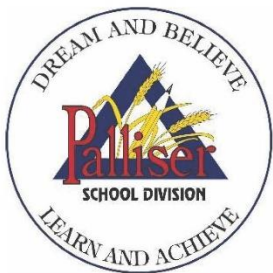
Curtis's focus on collaboration has built strong relationships at his current school and with the community, "I am very proud of my time at Jennie Emery Elementary School. As a team, we were able to lead our students through a difficult time during the pandemic. We have also developed a mini-sports program, offering an introduction to basketball, volleyball, and badminton. Most importantly, we have worked hard at becoming a Professional Learning Community. The teachers have time to meet and work together to provide Coaldale students with the best instruction".

Curtis hopes to continue this collaborative leadership philosophy at Kate Andrews. "Like the expression says, 'it takes a village.' Kate Andrews has a lot of great people working there. I am excited to become part of the team. I believe that my pre-K - 12 experience gives me the complete understanding to support the students and staff. I consider myself a teacher first and always look for the opportunity to further the learning of myself and others".

Born in Taber, he is happy to be working in Coaldale, "A long time ago, I did my student teaching practicum at RI Baker. It was at that time that I first thought about how awesome it would be to teach in this community. My experiences at Jennie Emery only reinforced those same thoughts", says Curtis.

He and his wife Treena are celebrating 25 years of marriage in May. He has two daughters who are both following in his footsteps, pursuing Education degrees at the University of Lethbridge. Curtis likes to golf, curl, and work in the yard with Treena.

Congratulations Curtis.



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**We are pleased to announce that Daniel Grimes has accepted the role of Principal at Huntsville School, commencing June 29, 2023.**

Daniel obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Memorial University in Newfoundland in 1996 and then received his Bachelor of Education degree in 1997. In 2008, Daniel obtained his Master of Education degree from the University of Aberdeen (King's College), Scotland.

Daniel began his teaching career in Trout River, Newfoundland, teaching Math, Science, and Physical Education. Over the years he has taught in the Northwest Territories and Newfoundland and Labrador. He began his administrative career in the North West Territories in 2002 and was later a Principal with Peace Wapiti School Division in Grande Prairie for four years. Daniel returned home to Newfoundland in 2008 to assume the Vice-Principal and then Principalship roles within the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District.



He joined the Palliser School Division in 2016 as the Principal of County Central High School in Vulcan before moving to Kate Andrews High School in Coaldale in 2017. "With 21 years of administrative experience spanning all grade configurations, I have learned a lot about coming into a school as a new leader. Ultimately, success starts with respecting and understanding the local context of the community. The staff, students, and parents will help me with that", says Daniel.

Daniel is looking forward to building strong, cooperative, and collaborative relationships, "My Leadership philosophy is built around service to students. To serve our students, our staff needs to be in a supportive and collaborative environment. As a leader commencing a role at a new school, I need to respect the knowledge that already exists in the building. I believe that I need to be flexible and work in a way that is respectful of the staff, students, and community. In time as a school and community, we will grow together".

Daniel, his wife Charlene, and his son Noah, 16 have been living in Alberta since 2016. Both he and Charlene are Canadian Armed Forces Veterans. The family loves traveling and spending time outdoors. Daniel looks forward to connecting with the community and families of Huntsville School "I was raised in a rural Newfoundland community and grew up working in the fishery. It has taught me the importance of hard work and honesty in the same way farming does".

Congratulations, Daniel.

*Together we will ensure learning success for all students  
to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.*





I am sending this message to inform the students and parents of the Kate Andrews community that I will be completing my principalship at Kate Andrews High School at the end of this school year.

This marks the 6th year of my tenure, and I want to thank the community for all of the support over the years. The last six years have been, at times, challenging but also exhilarating. In particular, I thank you for your patience as we navigated COVID restrictions while working hard to provide a great education.

Our last two years have been exciting as our staff and students have come together to build a more positive school culture and a path to provide the highest quality education in the region. I am humbled to have worked with so many great teachers here at Kate Andrews, many of which I hired. I have watched these teachers blossom as loving and caring professionals, and all of our staff has come together in a positive and collaborative manner. When we look out for one another as a staff, we all do better supporting our students. That has been the hallmark of the vision I have had for this school. I feel pride knowing that this staff is here to provide the absolute best possible support for our students in and out of the classroom.

Palliser has opted to bring fresh leadership to Kate Andrews and, ultimately, the new high school. I respect that my time in Coaldale is drawing to a close. I now begin to mentally prepare for the next phase of my leadership journey. My career in education has spanned this country. Each experience has enriched my leadership, and Kate Andrews has certainly been a highlight of my 26 years in this profession.

Coaldale is an amazing community, and I wish all the best to the students, staff and parents as you move towards some exciting changes in the future.

Sincerely,

Daniel Grimes

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## KA ATHLETICS



Congratulations to our [Basketball](#) Teams on their PROVINCIALS trip. **The Girls finished 7th in the Province and boys finished 4th.** Thank you to the community of Coaldale for your generous sponsorships of our teams Provincial Competition. We truly appreciate your support!

[Badminton](#) is well under way now with competitions at Brooks and Taber. Badminton cities/districts and zones take place in April with the opportunity for grade 10-12's to earn a spot at Provincials the first weekend of May!

[Baseball](#) is underway and has league games beginning in April. First pitch of the season is scheduled for Wednesday April 5, 6:00 pm vs Magrath at Spitz.

[Slo-Pitch](#) is underway too and games are scheduled for after Easter break. Make sure to see Mr. Ressler so you don't miss out!

[Track and Field](#) begins at the end of April once the snow is clear, come try out for the team, we train twice a week after school for only about an hour! Everyone can find one of the events they excel at, come check it out!

There are lots of SCHOLARSHIPS and BURSARIES available for students to apply for, and many deadlines are coming up in April! Check out Miss Meurs' Career and Academic Counselling tab on the KA website for more information.

### GRADS . . . . It's not too late to book Grad Photos!

If you didn't get your grad portraits done while Lifetouch was at KA in February, you can still make an appointment at the Lifetouch studio in Lethbridge. Visit [www.lifetouch.as.me](http://www.lifetouch.as.me) to book.

## GRAD 2023 will take place on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Once more details about the day are known, they will be shared with you.

**GRADS – Please keep an eye on the KAHS Graduation 2023 GOOGLE CLASSROOM and the GRAD 2023 TAB on the KA Website.**

**Information pertaining to Grad will be will be posted frequently.**

**BABY PHOTOS are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone not submitting a baby photo before the deadline will not have one included in the Grad slideshow. Late photos will not be added. Students can bring their photos to the office to be scanned or you can submit them through the KAHS Graduation 2023 Google Classroom.**

**FNMI Status Declaration is due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, if you would like to have this recognized at Grad 2023. Please advise Mrs. Mattatall ASAP if you have not already done so.**

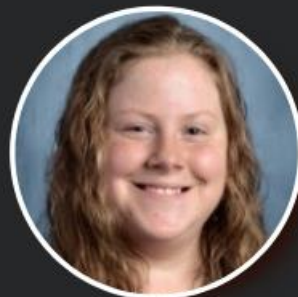
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## *of the Month*

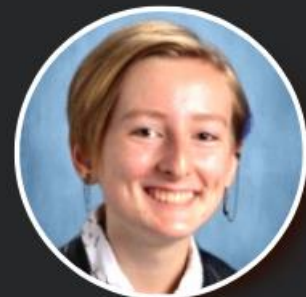
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SAM SMITH  
*Passion*



ABBY GIACCHETTA  
*Responsibility*



NOVA BIRSS  
*Inclusivity*



CECILY SACK  
*Determination*



MYLEE PITCHER  
*Engaged & Enthusiastic*

### **Congratulations to our March Athletes of the Month:**



**Emma Canfield**

**Carson Bartsch**

**Karson Willis**

**Sirrah Harris!**







# Kate Andrews **FIRE ACADEMY**

Registration and program information session  
for the 2023/24 school year.

**Tuesday April 18 @ 4PM**  
**in the Library**



Let us know if you are  
coming by registering  
with the QR Code



LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT MATTERS MOST.

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# EXPLORATORY DAYS • MAY 1-12

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADES 10-12 ARE INVITED TO COME EXPERIENCE POTENTIAL INDUSTRIES AND CAREERS WITH A SERIES OF PROGRAM-SPECIFIC SESSIONS, DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE AUTHENTIC EXPLORATION.

Exploratory programming is formatted as day-long, hands-on experiences hosted across campus, with a broad range of offerings that align to student interests. From building apps and constructing benches, to conducting investigations and pitching business ideas, sessions provide students with the opportunity to participate in exciting projects, scenarios, tours and activities.

Upcoming sessions will be held May 1-12, 2023  
at Lethbridge College between 9 a.m to 2:30 p.m.



SCAN THE CODE TO  
LEARN MORE ABOUT  
EXPLORATORY DAYS  
AND TO REGISTER FOR  
UPCOMING SESSIONS



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# INCLUSIVE POST-SECONDARY



# University of Lethbridge

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## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

The University of Lethbridge is one of more than 20 Alberta post-secondary institutions partnering with Inclusion Alberta to support individuals with developmental disabilities to pursue higher education.

**The Inclusive Post-Secondary Initiative** supports students with developmental and intellectual disabilities to participate in regular programs, attend classes and labs, write exams and assignments, and enjoy campus life at ULethbridge.

### HOW IT WORKS

Students audit programs of study to pursue individualized learning goals related to regular course content, complete modified course assignments, and write modified exams to demonstrate what they have learned. At the end of their studies, students will attend convocation and receive a certificate of achievement to acknowledge their hard work, accomplishments, and commitment to learning. Students develop new skills; gain new knowledge; build both personal and professional networks; and have valuable learning experiences related to their career ambitions.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN CONTACT JANELLE DYCK, THE INCLUSIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR:**

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janelle.dyck@uleth.ca  
[www.ulethbridge.ca/future-student/inclusive-education](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/future-student/inclusive-education)

## OUR GOAL

The goal is for participating students to be **fully** included in their studies and campus life, pursue career aspirations, develop life-long friendships, gain independence, and build life-enriching experiences.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Inclusive post-secondary education is open to any individual who is PDD eligible. Inclusion Alberta is committed to ensuring these supports are available to all, no matter how complex the disability is.

**We truly believe that everyone can learn.**

As required by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, everyone who receives support for inclusive post-secondary education **must be eligible for PDD funding**. If you are unsure what this means, please review the eligibility details or contact PDD. The applicant doesn't need to be currently receiving PDD support at the time of application; they just need to be eligible for support. There are no specific academic requirements – all applicants will be considered regardless of a prospective student's support needs, so long as they meet PDD eligibility.

# April

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm in KA Conference Room	5 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-5pm & 6-8:30pm	6  PIZZA @ LUNCH \$3 FOR 1 SLICE \$5 FOR 2 SLICES	7 NO SCHOOL: Easter Break  GREEN SHIRT DAY Register. Tell your family. Be inspired.	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL: Easter Break	11 NO SCHOOL: Easter Break	12 NO SCHOOL: Easter Break	13 NO SCHOOL: Easter Break	14 NO SCHOOL: Easter Break	15
16	17	18 Fire Academy Information Session @4pm in Library	19	20  PIZZA @ LUNCH \$3 FOR 1 SLICE \$5 FOR 2 SLICES	21	22
23	24	25	26	27  TACO IN A BAG \$5 INCLUDING A DRINK	28	29
30	<p><b>Coming up in May:</b> No School on Friday, May 19th or Monday, May 22nd</p>					