



PALLISER

BEYOND BORDERS

February Newsletter

Important Information

Edsby

PBB uses Edsby to share attendance, school and grade information. This application is available online [here](#), or an app is available for your mobile device.

All Parents/Guardians have been sent a login invitation and have been added to our PBB Parents group in Edsby. Important school information including our school handbook can be found in documents section of this group.

Parents/guardians: If you do not have access to Edsby, please email Carley at carley.campbell@pallisersd.ab.ca to request an invitation.

Students can access Edsby [here](#) using the 'Login with Google' option with their Palliser email account.

High School (Grade 10-12)

HS Attendance is communicated weekly in Edsby. Students who miss one of the following expectations will be marked absent.

1. Connect with their teacher at least once per week focused on academics.
2. Regularly access their course work (approx 1 hour per day).
3. Hand in assignments regularly. Regularly differs depending on the class.

Junior High (Grade 6-9)

JH attendance is communicated daily in Edsby.

Students, remember that attendance to classes as well as completing assignments is required of you. If you are unable to meet these requirements, please connect with your teachers to discuss this further.

Engage with Palliser Beyond Borders!

Submit an idea or as a question to help guide the future of Palliser Beyond Borders (PBB), the Palliser School Division's online school

What can PBB do better? [Submit Ideas and Questions Here](#)

Hope this message finds you all in good spirits and ready to tackle Semester 2 head-on!

First off, a big shout out to our returning students and a warm welcome to the new faces joining the PBB family. I am very excited to see what awesome things you all will bring to our school this semester!

Now, it's with a bit of a heavy heart that I've got some news to share. Our incredible School Admin Assistant, Mrs. Campbell, is spreading her wings and moving on to new adventures. Mrs. Campbell has been a central part of our admin team since I have been Principal, and I can't thank her enough for all the hard work and positivity she's brought to our school.

As we say close one chapter, I'm looking forward opening another and to the awesome additions to your learning stories you all will make in Semester 2. Online learning can be difficult if you go it alone, so please find opportunities to build relationships with your teachers and classmates. We are here to support you and I hope that all of our students make use of this support.

From an administrative end, families, you may have received a letter from Alberta Education with instructions on how to complete their annual Assurance survey. This is a Provincial survey that gives schools another perspective on what is going well and what needs to be improved upon. Please take the time to complete this survey and to help the PBB staff improve on our already great school. If there are parts of the survey you are not aware of, please reach out as I would be happy to discuss the initiatives that PBB staff are taking to meet our priorities of relationship building, depth in course offerings, and flexible learning pathways.

Thanks for being the awesome learning community that you are.

Jason Kwasny, Principal



Upcoming Events

February 2: School Wide Assembly
Semester 1 Final Report Cards
Available in Edsby

February 19–23: February Break

March 1: School Wide Assembly

March 15: No School (PD Day)

March 29: No School (Good Friday)

February 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 Semester 2 Begins	1	2 Semester 1 Final Report Card Assembly 9am	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 No School	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24
25	26	27	28	29	1	2

Wellness Committee Update

February Wellness theme is:

KINDNESS

Follow the links below for some resources and activities for families and students.

- <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>
- <https://biglifejournal.com/>
- <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>

PBB Spotlight



Who would have ever thought I'd still be teaching 17 years later? I've taught Home Education families as a Facilitator, Junior High French online, Grade 6/7 Live Online split class, Career and Life Management, English, CTS Courses, Options like Food Studies, more French and dabbled in a host of other classes. The irony is I have a degree in Performing Arts and have seldom taught any drama! At least there is variety!

Growing up in Airdrie, I started my University career at the University of Calgary, and then transitioned down to the joint-degree program at the University of Lethbridge. I attended L'université de Québec à Trois-Rivières for one year to teach English and learn French, and came back to finish my degrees in Lethbridge.

That's when I met my wife Tamara who hired me at Joey's Only Fish & Chips. While she wouldn't let me leave southern Alberta, she did give me two wonderful children, my son Griffin and my daughter Cameron. We love good food, family gatherings, watching movies and our Boxer-Akita, Mikome.



Hello, hello from way up here! My name is Bruno Castelli and I have been the high school Math teacher here at Palliser Beyond Borders for 9 years now.

When not embroiled in my role as a teacher, I enjoy gardening, and many outdoor activities that bring me to the mountains; you can see Castle Mountain resort in the upper left corner of this pic. River walking with a flyrod and hiking/skiing Southern Alberta mountains and flyfishing streams is a passion.

English is my second language and Italian is my mother tongue; no english spoken in our home when I was growing up in Lethbridge. I have also lived in Prince George, Whitehorse, Yellowknife, Calgary and Edmonton and access to our beautiful Rocky Mountains always brought me back.

Second Semester (High School Students)

Semester 2 begins January 31st, 2024

To view your second semester course(s) in Edsby:

- Follow this link: Edsby
 - Use the 'Login with Google' button and use your @prs.26 Palliser email account
 - Click on 'Classes' in the left menu
 - Use the drop down menu and choose 'future'
- ***Please note, future classes are only showing on the web based page, they are not available on the app ***

If you have any questions about or would like to change your second semester requests, please reach out to your PBB advisor or email Mr. Kwasny at jason.kwasny@pallisersd.ab.ca



- Wednesday, February 7 - Police Officer
- Wednesday, February 14 - Pilot
- Thursday, February 15 - Helicopter Pilot

Additional sessions and registration links can be found on our website:

careersteps.ca/exploration-sessions

Over 70 recordings from past sessions are also available [here](#)

Dhillon School of Business Opportunity at U of L!

February 9th, 2024



Scan the QR code to register.

Breakfast, lunch and parking included.

Free event made possible by CPA Education Foundation.

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