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Colts' Community Chronicle | Mar. 17 to Mar. 21

Important Dates

March 18

Senior Band Tour of Feeder
Schools

March 20

Healthy Hunger

March 20 and March 21

Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 21

Non-Instructional Day

March 22 – March 30

Spring Break

March 31

Classes Resume

FRIDAY SCHEDULE (Mar. 21)

Non-Instructional Day

Notes from Administration

Please continue to monitor your health. Do not come to school if you are ill.

A..E. Cross Attendance

When reporting student attendance issues, including lates, absences and leave early, please call the main line and press extension 1 for the attendance line. Remember to spell the last name of the student and leave the reason for the absence, late or leave early.

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COLTS ATHLETICS

For all Athletic information visit [A.E. Cross School Athletic Website](#)

Athletic Authorization forms MUST be submitted to the students PE teacher to tryout for any sports team.

There are fees associated with each athletic team. These fees cover the cost of refs, rentals, equipment maintenance and team celebrations. Fees will be added to the students MyCBE account once the season begins.

We will be following the CBE regulations to accommodate the CUPE strike.

- The volleyball season (including tournaments) for middle schools will continue as scheduled. At this time, middle school athletics scheduled beyond the volleyball season are paused. We hope to be able to offer additional athletics opportunities to students after Spring Break.
- Attendance at athletic games will be limited to parents/guardians of those athletes directly involved in the event. Students will not be permitted to attend athletic games unless they are the siblings of one of the athletes and are accompanied by a parent/guardian. Access will be limited to the gymnasium; no access will be permitted to other parts of the school.

Physical Education

The expectations for our PE classes are that students will change their tops and bottoms as well as footwear if it is unsafe (sandal, crocs, high heels, boots, etc.). Please send appropriate active wear to school with your students. Students have access to their own gym locker where they can leave their gym clothes for the week before taking them home over the weekend. This expectation is to teach students how to be healthy and hygienic.

Colts' Volleyball

Thank you to all student-athletes for their participation on our Colts' volleyball teams this season. Although we were unsuccessful in reaching the playoffs, all teams showed growth in skill development and sportsmanship throughout the season. We appreciate all of our coaches that helped out with our teams this year:

- Junior Boys – Mr. Minions
- Junior Girls – Ms. Neill and Ms. Shumay
- Senior Boys – Mr. Kerwin
- Senior Girls – Mr. Richards

If you have any further questions please contact Jace Richards at jarichards@cbe.ab.ca



GRADE 9 TRANSITIONS MINI ROUND DANCE

CBE Indigenous Education Team invites all Indigenous Grade 9 students, their families, and staff to participate in a Mini-Round Dance to celebrate and honour their transition to high school. Indigenous knowledges and protocols acknowledge the child to young adulthood phase as significant. Key teachings focus on responsibility as youth move forward in all aspects of their lives (spirit, heart, body, mind) and where education is critical to their success.

The Round Dance will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2025 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at Ernest Manning High School (20 Springborough BLVD SW

STUDENT SURVEYS

In Math and Science classes over the next couple of weeks, students will have the opportunity to complete surveys to give administration a better understanding of things that are working well at A.E. Cross and areas that could be improved.

Grade 7 students will complete the Alberta Assurance Survey and Grade 8 and 9 students will complete the CBE Student Survey.

We look forward to gathering student voice so that we can continue to improve student learning experiences at A.E. Cross School.

PARENT SURVEYS

As part of the ongoing commitment to providing a world-class education for Alberta's children, Alberta Education will again be conducting their annual survey of grades 4, 7 and 10 students and their parents or guardians. The completion of the survey is voluntary and anonymous, as is completion of each question within the survey. The survey will gather important information about students' and parents' school experiences and will help to inform continuous improvement in our education system. The survey will also be sent to all teachers in the province. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above – and their parents or guardians – will be surveyed.

To fill out the survey, please click on the survey link and enter the code below to begin the survey. If you have more than one student in grades 4, 7, and 10, you will need to do the survey for each child. In this case, you will receive a separate email with a different code for each child, be sure to check your junk or spam folder for separate emails. Please know that only one Random Access Code(RAC) is provided per child for parents and only one parent response can be submitted as RACs are single use.

Your RAC would have been emailed to you in late February from the Calgary Board of Education. Survey Webpage: <https://public.education.alberta.ca/APOS/>



At A. E. Cross School, we believe that community voices are an important contribution to student success. We are asking families to participate in a short survey to gather feedback from families for the purposes of school planning. The survey will be available online from Mon Feb 24 - Sat March 22. We are looking for your ideas and reflections about the [School Development Plan](#), the school budget, and school fees. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Access survey here: https://engage.zencity.io/cbeschools/en/engagements/4536f300-a9c8-4126-a5df-14faf2b197f7?utm_medium=email

SPANISH BILINGUAL PROGRAM

The AE Cross Carnival is back! We're celebrating a great tradition from the Hispanic and beyond cultures.

Students had a glimpse of these celebrations during RTI on Friday and will have the opportunity to take part in some related Spirit Motifs next week.

¡Feliz Carnaval!

9-7 will represent AE Cross at the event ¿Qué pasa?. The ten schools at the CBE Spanish Bilingual Program will showcase a performance to celebrate some of the folklore and language in an afternoon of celebrations at the Jubilee Auditorium on May 6th. Save the date! (More information coming soon)

For this purpose, Sra. Vicky Velasco from the company "Gato Negro" is working with students and Sra. Hernández to create a unique version of the classic "El Quijote de la Mancha".

Talking about Hispanic cultures... ¡Locura de Marzo is back!

This musical event will have two songs contesting for a couple of days. Students and teachers will vote to see who is the AE Cross Locura Champion!

2024-2025 YEARBOOK

The 2024-2025 A.E. School Yearbook is now available to purchase! To order this year's edition of the yearbook, please visit the following website:

[A.E. Cross School Yearbook Ordering LINK](#)



STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORTS

A.E. Cross School is happy to provide the following learning supports for students. I would encourage you to remind your children of these opportunities so that they are able to be as successful as possible. All grades are welcome in each of the spaces below.

- Math Help Room – Room 26 (Mr. Reid) – Mondays 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm
- Math Help Room – Room 6 (Mr. Virjee) – Tuesdays 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm
- Homework Hotel – Learning Commons – Wednesdays – 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm
- Math Help Room – Room 33 (Mr. Tyrrell) – Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lunch

A.E. CROSS SCHOOL CLUBS LISTINGS

Please note that some clubs have yet to start at this time and that this list is subject to change. If you or your child would like more information about a club, please contact the Teacher Sponsor via email.

Club	Teacher Sponsor	Day/Time/Location
Games Club	Prieto; Horne	Lunch – Second Semester
A.E. Con	Virjee; Simpson	Mondays – Lunch – Room 6
Strength and Conditioning Club	Kerwin; Cancio; Simpson; Hande	Lunch; Monday – After School – Fitness Center
Art Club	Moore; Pollock	Mondays – 4:00 – 5:00 pm – Art Room
STEM Opportunities	Atkinson	Tuesdays – Lunch – Room 20
Principal's Advisory Council	Lewis	Tuesdays – Lunch – Conference Room
Construction Club	Ford	TBD – Second Semester
Lego Club	Shumay	Wednesdays – Lunch – Learning Commons
Pokemon Club	Tyrrell	Wednesdays – Lunch – Room 33
GSA	Simmons; Moore; Tice	Thursdays – Lunch – Room 35
Outdoor Education Club	Minions	Tuesdays – Lunch – TBD
Dungeons and Dragons Club	Virjee	Thursday – After School – Room 6
Spanish Club	Hernandez	Tuesdays – Lunch – Room 24
Baking Club	Simmons; Shumay	Once a month – Foods Room
Guitar Club	Reid	Weekly – Drama Room
Yearbook	Anderson; Moore	Wednesday
Art with Thread	Hernandez	Lunch – Room 24
Homework Hotel	Hatler; Shumay	Wednesdays – After school – Learning Commons
Math Club	Virjee	Tuesdays – After School – Room 6
Chess Club	Cancio	Tuesdays – Lunch – Room 30



Jazz Band/Orchestra	Rattan	Mondays – after school – Drama Room
Book Club	Anderson; Howse	Mondays – lunch – TBD
Thermopylae	MacRae	April and May
Movie Club	Richards	TBD
Creative Writing Club	Minions	Tuesdays – Lunch – Room 25

STUDENT FEES

Student fees for Semester 2 complementary courses have been posted to your child's MyCBE/PowerSchool accounts. Please log in and pay those fees when you get a chance. The fees collected allow your children to experience high quality educational experiences (complementary courses, extra-curricular activities and field trips) while at A.E. Cross School.

To access MyCBE/PowerSchool for fee payment, please click on the following link: <https://sis.cbe.ab.ca/public/home.html>

If you require support to pay student fees, please click the following link: <https://cbe.ab.ca/support/Pages/MyCBE-PowerSchool-Student-Fees-Registration.aspx>

If you have additional questions about the payment of student fees, we encourage you to contact the main office for assistance!

Thank you for your attention to this!

2025 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST DATES

The dates for the 2025 Provincial Achievement Tests have been released by Alberta Education. Attached to this message is letter to parents explaining the Provincial Achievement Test program for students. Below is the 2025 PAT schedule:

- Thursday, May 29 – English Language Arts (Part A – Written Response)
- Friday, June 13 – Mathematics (Part A)
- Monday, June 16 – English Language Arts (Part B – Reading Comprehension)
- Tuesday, June 17 – Mathematics (Part B)
- Wednesday, June 18 – Social Studies
- Thursday, June 19 - Science

CALGARY BRIDGE FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH

We are pleased to have a partnership with the [Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth \(CBFY\)](#). They are able to offer many supports for students and families that are 1st or



2nd generation Canadians, a Permanent Resident, Refugee, or holding a Temporary Worker visa.

Settlement Worker:

We have access to a Settlement Worker at school every Monday beginning Monday October 28. They are available to meet with parents, or students, and can make connections to many community supports and resources. Their goal is to assist with the adjustment to life in Canada. Conversations can be held in many languages. Just let us know what you will need.

LUNCHTIME EXPECTATIONS

Lunchtime at A.E. Cross School runs from 12:07 PM to 12:48 PM each Monday to Thursday. The structure of the lunch hour works as follows:

12:07 PM – 12:25 PM – Students are welcome to eat lunch within the school on the main floor. The hallways, cafeteria and courtyard are available for student use during this time. Please note that there is currently no food service available to students at lunchtime. On days where the weather cooperates, students are also welcome to eat outside on school property.

12:25 PM – 12:48 PM – Students will be asked to go outside during this time period. It will be important that students get appropriate clothing from their lockers right at the end of the morning classes as the upper level of the school will be closed beginning at 12:10 PM.

WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION, students are able to leave campus for lunch time. Should students leave campus, it is an expectation that they are respectful to our community neighbours as they are representatives of A.E. Cross School. Ms. Wiseman and Mr. Lewis visited all businesses around the school to introduce ourselves and the businesses will contact us if there is something that we need to follow up on.

- **Students should not loiter at the businesses and they should buy their lunch and return to school property**
- Should students be abusing their off-campus privileges by causing disruptions in the community or are consistently late upon return to school after lunch, privileges to leave at lunch may be taken away
- Back alleys and private yards are off-limits to students
- **PLEASE NOTE – A.E. CROSS SCHOOL DOES NOT PROVIDE SUPERVISION TO STUDENTS THAT ARE OFF CAMPUS AT LUNCHTIME.**
- Students will not leave campus on Fridays during nutrition break (10:45 AM – 11:00 AM) so please ensure that they come to school with a snack.



Only drink containers with a screw-top lid are allowed in the school. Drink containers such as slurpee cups, bubble tea containers, coffee cups with a plastic lid and open cans of pop are not allowed in the school due to an increased risk of spillage.

HEALTHY HUNGER

Please see attachments to see how you go about setting up your healthy hunger account for the new school year.

Future Healthy Hunger/fun lunch dates are listed below:

- March 20, 2025 – Cobs Bread (Treat Day)
- April 30, 2025 – Edo
- May 15, 2025 – Cobs Bread (Treat Day)
- May 28, 2025 – Boston Pizza
- June 20, 2025 – Booster Juice (Treat Day)

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to all of the parents who made time for the School Council meeting last Thursday. It was great to see so many people on line!

Please consider signing up as a volunteer for the next Casino Fundraiser.

Dates: **Tuesday, June 10th & Wednesday, June 11th, 2025**

Location: **Pure Casino Calgary (1420 Meridian Rd NE)**

Sign Up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C48AEAE23A5F85-54424419-aecross#/>

VOLUNTEERING AT A.E. CROSS

There will be activities done at A.E. Cross that require parent volunteers.

Parents and guardians can register to volunteer online in the SchoolEngage tab of their MyCBE account. Members of the community without a child in the system can also create a SchoolEngage account.

Once volunteers have created an account they can request and receive their volunteer letter required to obtain their police security clearance. Schools will continue to follow the process for generating letters.

There are no changes, at this time, to the ePIC application and payment process, currently outlined on the CBE Volunteer InSite page and managed by Calgary Police Service.



Once volunteers have their police information check and vulnerable sector clearance document (PIC VS), it can be uploaded and shared directly with the school through the SchoolEngage account.

