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Colts' Community Chronicle | April 7 to April 11

Important Dates

April 7 to April 11

Education Week

April 10

Mini-Round Dance – Ernest Manning High School

April 10

School Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

April 15

Spring Photos

April 16

Grade 6 Open House

April 18

Non-Instructional Day

FRIDAY SCHEDULE (April 11)

Day A – Periods 1-RTI-3-5

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.

Physical Education

We will be returning to outdoor PE classes at the beginning of April. Students are asked to change PE every day. We encourage to bring a separate set of clothing to leave in their gym locker for PE class. Students should have warm clothes to be outside for up to 50 minutes each day.

Colts' Volleyball

Please have your child return their washed jersey to their coaches as soon as possible.

Colts' Badminton

Badminton season began on Tuesday, April 1st. Thank you to everybody who came for tryouts. We had over 100 Colts try out over the 3 days! It was great to see everybody in the gym after school. Tryouts for the badminton teams continue this week. Please check the bulletin board in the main hallway to see when the tryouts are occurring.

Please make sure your child has a ride ready for pickup at 5:15pm so our coaches can get home to their families as soon as possible following the evening practice.

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)



2025-2026 COMPLEMENTARY COURSE SELECTION

All students in Gr 7 and Gr 8 have been provided with a Complementary Course Selection form. **The form is required to be signed by parents/guardians, and is due back to Homeroom teachers by Thursday April 17, 2025.** This is an opportunity for students, and their families, to determine their Top 6 complimentary course requests for next year. The courses that students request will be entered into PowerSchool during class time from April 22 - May 2. Our 2025/2026 timetable will be built around student requests and teacher staffing. Not all course requests will be fulfilled. Course enrolment will be dependent on student numbers and course availability within our timetable. Please support your student with choosing courses that they are interested in pursuing. If the Complementary Course Selection form is not returned, students will be placed into complementary courses based on where space remains available.

CBE-LEARN OPEN HOUSES

The junior high team will offer three sessions between April and June 2025.

- Open House 1 - April 2 @ 12 pm
- Open House 2 - May 8 @ 6 pm
- Open House 3 - June 3 @ 6 pm

Website: <https://cbe-learn.cbe.ab.ca/open-house>

SPANISH BILINGUAL PROGRAM

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 an 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 – 4:45 pm
- Math Help Room – Room 6 (Mr. Virjee) – Tuesdays 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
- Homework Hotel – Learning Commons – Wednesdays – 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

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.

EMPOWER TEEN GIRLS SESSIONS

Girls' Resilience, Empowerment and Transformation (GREAT) Program

Building Female Leaders for the Future

- ✓ A cohort-based, in-person weekly program for girls aged 14-16 to build resilience, confidence, and leadership skills.
- ✓ Free bus tickets provided for those who need them. Each session includes snacks and learning resources.
- ✓ **Next cohort starts April 16th – now accepting registrations!**

More Details & Registration: makingchangesassociation.ca/great

My Best Friend's Closet

Providing Essential Clothing for Teen Girls

- ✓ Supporting low-income girls aged 12-17 with confidence-boosting outfits to help them stay in school.
- ✓ Each 90-minute session provides 35+ items, including pants, tops, jackets, shoes, gym clothes, jewelry, and other essentials.
- ✓ Now accepting referrals & self-registrations! Donations and volunteers are also welcome.

More Details & Registration: makingchangesassociation.ca/my-best-friends-closet

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:

- 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

Our next school council meeting will take place on Thursday, April 10 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be in person in the A.E. Cross Learning Commons.

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.

