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January 2026

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Dr. Folkins Community School
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Principal's Message — January 2026

Happy New Year, and welcome back! I hope that our students, families, and community members had a restful and joyful Christmas break. On behalf of all of us at Dr. Folkins Community School, I would like to wish you a very happy, healthy, and successful 2026.

Like many of you, we return in January with good intentions, fresh energy, and at least a few New Year's resolutions — whether that's "get more sleep," "drink more water," or in the case of our students, "definitely not leave assignments until the last minute this semester." We're excited to begin this new year together and continue the great learning happening in our school.

As we close out the first semester, I would like to share an important update regarding high school final exams. In order to maximize instructional time following the recent strike and ensure that we are able to cover as much curriculum as possible, we will not be running a traditional exam week with a separate exam schedule where students are out of regular classes. Instead, high school final assessments will take place within regular class time. Classroom teachers will be communicating directly with students about what their final assessments will look like in each course.

I would also like to remind families that our Awards Ceremony will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, and we hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate the achievements of our students.

Finally, please note that there has been a small adjustment to the school calendar — the last day of the semester is now Thursday, January 29.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our students and our school. We are looking forward to a great start to 2026 together.

Stay warm everyone--
Chris Demeule
Principal, Dr. Folkins Community School

2026 NEWSLETTER

NEW Mailing Information



We will be changing our mail out process starting with our January issue on a trial basis.

Instead of placing a copy in every mailbox in our post office, there will be copies available in the lobby for anyone who wishes to take one.

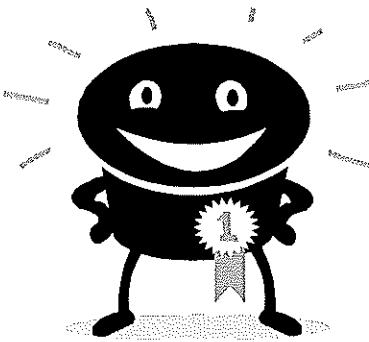
We are trying to get a better idea of how many printed copies are utilized, which will help with the cost of copying and paper purchases.

We are happy to provide the printed copies for pickup for those who prefer this method, but if you would like to receive a copy to your email instead, please message annette.dallyn@btps.ca and we will add your email address to the list.

To our out of town customers who are on our mail out list, you will still continue to receive a copy by mail unless you inform us of changing your method of delivery to email copies.

We welcome your thoughts or comments after the January trial issue to annette.dallyn@btps.ca.

Thank you!



**DR FOLKINS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

Wednesday, January 28th

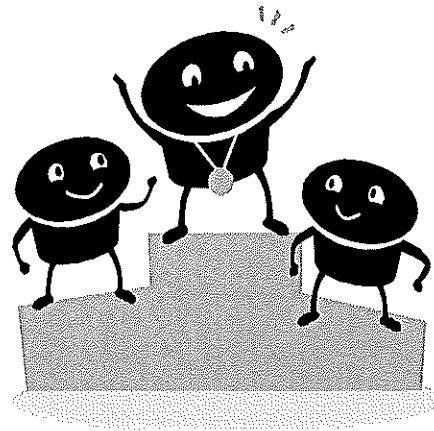
2:00 P.M.

School Gymnasium

By having the awards ceremony during the regular school day most students will be present to accept their awards. The sponsors will also have the opportunity to congratulate the winners of the awards that they provide.

This event will be open to the public, and we would love to have you join us in celebrating the accomplishments of our students during the **2024/2025** school year.

We are very grateful to the many businesses and individuals who support this event!



If you are a sponsor and have not yet confirmed your participation or made your payment for this year's sponsorship, please do so by Jan 15th, so we can get your award on our program.



www.chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca

Located in Dr. Folkins Community School

jwaters@chauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca



Scan Me!!

Library

Library Hours

Mondays, Thursdays 3:30-6:30pm

780-858-3744

DATES TO REMEMBER:

2025/2026

Jan 22, 2026 – Book Club & exchange

February 9 – Closed

February 12 – Closed

February 16 – Closed

February 26 – Book Club

January Book Club and book exchange

January 22, 2026 @

7pm

The Jazz Club Spy

Bring a wrapped book to exchange with others (new or gently used)

Chauvin Book Club

Reading List 2025-2026

(Teens/Adults are always welcome)

Book club gatherings are held the last Thursday of the month in the library.

With some exceptions.

February:

100-year-old man who climbed out a window

by Jonas Jonasson

March:

Thursday Murder Club

by Richard Osman

April:

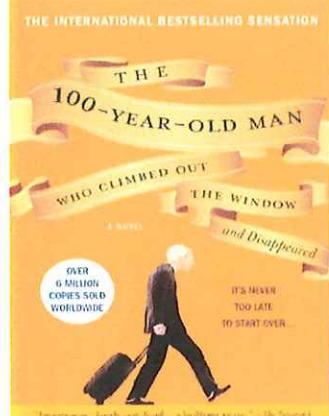
The Last Exchange

by Charles Martin

Books/ebooks/audio can be ordered on

www.tracpac.ab.ca

Download on Libby, Hoopla, CloudLibrary apps.



JONAS JONASSON

100-year-old man who climbed out a window

By Jonas Jonasson

BOOK CLUB

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

7:00 pm in the library.

This whimsical novel by Jonas Jonasson follows Allan Karlsson, a centenarian who escapes his nursing home and embarks on a hilarious adventure, intertwining his past with significant historical events.

Monthly programs

CHECK DATES TO REMEMBER

Register your patron by emailing the library.

Notes will go home with patrons

Patrons: ages 5 years to Gr. 2

Patrons: Gr. 3 to Gr. 6

Teens: Gr. 7 to Gr. 12

Adult book club. Discuss books!!

Winter events:

- Winter reading Program Starts January 1 – Feb.28, 2026.
- Log your minutes online using the link below. Paper log sheet available in the newsletter to keep track.
- Friday 15 challenge starts January 2, 2026. You can log these minutes for Friday-15 and as your regular reading minutes.

More winter contests can be found:

<https://nllsreadingprograms.ca>

Dr. Folkins Community School event

February 23, 2026

Our School is Participating in Jump Rope for Heart!

Custom design your own fundraise page. Tell all your family and friends.

Students will be participating during their gym period on February 23.



Fundraising page link is: <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/118466>

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D.F.C.S. YEARBOOK

2025- 2026 yearbook is pre-order ONLY!

Order by April 2, 2026

- School Awards
- Hardcover
- Student designed

(Name, Grade, how many copies with payment)

EXACT CASH OR CHEQUE ACCEPTED UNTIL April 2, 2026.

Cost: \$30.00

Online: www.ybpay.ca # 14851726



Thank You!

*Special Thanks to the parents that were willing to come in so that we could enjoy a quick lunch together as a staff on December 11th.

*A huge thank you to those who came and helped with our concert stage setup for our Elementary Christmas Concert

*School Council & Ashley Pare, thanks for bringing in the amazing lunch & Shantelle Skinner for the amazing cheesecake for dessert.

Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated!!

*Thanks to Caitlin Gilchuk for continuing to organize our hot lunch program and for all those who work to provide and run those lunches to the school for our students and staff!

*Thanks to the Chauvin Gospel Centre for dropping off the goodie bags for our students and staff on the last day before break! With so many missing these were delivered the first day back!

*Thanks so much for all the community support from our local organizations who continue to provide opportunity for our students!

Happy New Year!

From Dr. Folkins Staff & students

Chauvin Home and School Parent Council Highlights

Say hello to our School Council for 2025/2026

Chair: Deanna Volk

Gr 10-12 Rep: Kelsie Dallyn

Vice Chair: Ashley Paré

Gr 7-9 Rep: Amanda Paré & Jodie Waselick

Treasurer: Tara Schaffer

Gr 4-6 Rep: Tiffanee Paulgaard

Secretary: Shantelle Skinner

Gr 1-3 Rep: Caitlin Gilchuk

ECS Rep: Kelsey Bambrick

THANK YOU

to our parent volunteers who covered
noon hour supervision on Thursday,
December 11th to allow the teachers to
enjoy a lunch together!

Ashley Paré, Amanda Paré, Caitlin
Gilchuk, Renae Skinner, Kelsey Bambrick
& Frank Snow

THANK YOU

to Ashley Paré for delivering the
teacher lunch from the Stook &
Stubble on December 11th.

Also, thank you to Shantelle Skinner
with Bird Lady Bakery for delivering
the yummy dessert for the teachers!

2025-2026 Parent Council Upcoming Meetings

January 20th, 2026

March 17th, 2026

May 19th, 2026

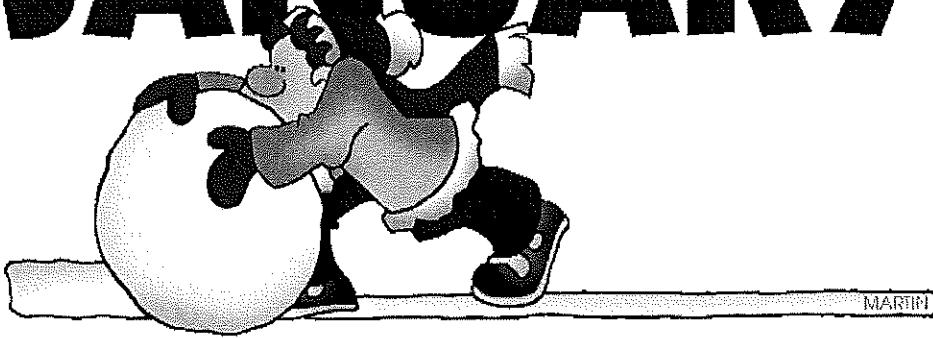
All meetings are at 7:00pm in the
Home Ec room.
Everyone is welcome!

Did you know we only have 5
meetings a year?

School Council is a great place to
share your ideas & opinions to
everything school related and stay
up-to-date on all things DFCS.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!!

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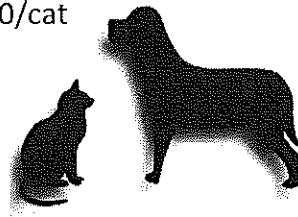
Pet Owners

The Village Office would like to notify residents that having their pets registered with the village is required. If you own any cats or dogs, they MUST be registered with the village office and have tags so that, in the event we encounter a lost pet, we have a record of who the owner is, and we are able to reunite the pet with its owner. Animal License charges are done annually in January and will be visible when you receive your utility bills in February.



Animal License Fees

Spayed/Neutered Cat	
\$5.00/cat	
Non-Spayed/Neutered Cat	
\$25.00/cat	
Spayed/Neutered Dog	
\$5.00/dog	
Non-Spayed/Neutered Dog	
\$25.00/cat	



Parade of Lights

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Chauvin Ag Society's Chauvin Parade of Lights this year! It was another great event and with so many floats, it really highlighted what our small community can do. Thank you to everyone that helped make the event possible.



From the Village Office

Landfill Hours

Tuesdays
9am to Noon

Thursdays
Noon to 3pm

Saturdays
10am to 4pm

Electronic Utility

Bills

**Interested in having
your utility bill sent
to your email?**

**Contact the Village
Office for more
information.**

Thank You!

Thank you to all the residents that have been working to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice to prevent any slip and fall incidents.





2025/2026 Curling

chauvincurlingclub@gmail.com

League Curling

Tuesday and Thursday

Evenings

Open to all Curlers

Call Troy @ (587) 878-0415

If you are a single and would like to join a team or be on the spares list please let us know and we will try our best to get you on a team

Wednesday Afterschool Curling

Grades 4 to 12

Call Jennifer @ (780) 808-6210

League Curling Fees

Adults \$100

Students \$35

Family \$235

After School \$10

Bonspiels

Wildcard

(4 Person Teams)

Open to all Curlers

Dec. 6/2025

Call Troy @ (587) 878-0415

Or Logan @ (780) 806-8985

Seniors Stick (2 Person Teams)

Jan. 8/2026

Call Rob @ (780) 806-3103

Chauvin Open

Open to all Curlers

Mar. 5-8/2026

Call Troy @ (587) 878-0415

Or Logan @ (780) 806-8985

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOREVER, AND THE REST OF OUR LIVES!

"And now I'm glad I didn't know. The way it all would end. The way it all would go. Our lives are better left to chance. I could have missed the pain, But I'd have had to miss the dance!" Today, Garth Brooks fans will recognize immediately the refrain from his hit single, "The Dance." His words remind us that life is a dance that requires our participation and enthusiasm - no sitting on the sidelines, no hanging back, and always do our best! Even if we don't know all the steps, even when life hurts, we can still make the effort. We don't have to miss the dance!

Long ago, God sent us a certain man with a great and wonderful mission. He came to invite the world to join him in the dance of life. He asked only that those who joined him would let him lead. Not everyone, however, was willing. He seemed so awkward, so not special; nothing but the poor child of an unwed mother.

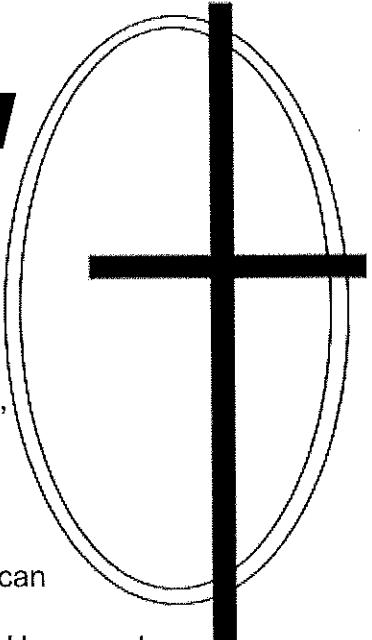
Uneducated. Unattractive. Familiar with sorrows. Acquainted with grief. What dance could he possibly teach us?

But, in truth, he knew us better than we could ever know ourselves. He invited us to hear, to remember, the music that God puts into every human heart. He knew we could learn again that dance called faith, the dance called hope! Called joy! Called courage! Then, suddenly, he was taken. Called to dance alone with betrayal, pain and death. With his dying, the music faded and the dance was over. Would it, could it, ever begin again?

But then, just as suddenly, the unexpected happened. At first, it was only a whisper. Only a few notes, heard by only a few voices. Then, it grew louder, clearer, more hopeful, more joyful. Finally, it became unmistakeable, and then undeniable. The music of life had won the day - calling us to remember what we were born to do – to follow in the steps of the One whom death could not stop; the One who came into the world to lead us back into the dance of Life. Back to Joy. Back to Hope, and onward into Faith. Dear friends in Chauvin, as another year begins, and uncertainties and crises of all kinds daily challenge us, let's stay close to the One whose greatest joy is to reacquaint us with the melodies of grace, and hope, and love. Let's take the next minute, and then the next hour, and then the whole day, and then the whole year, and let's trust him to lead us. He knows the steps. He knows the tune. He is able and willing to teach us - if we let him lead.

Let's have this dance, HIS dance, for this year ahead, and then, for the rest of our lives! And then, forever!

New Years Blessings,
Rev. Steve



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Services are held on the first and third Sundays of each month

Services will be Jan. 18th. Feb. 1st. 15th.

OFFICE HOURS

Please contact Steve to speak with him or for Office hours, by phone or text at 780-385-1141



If you are searching for a welcoming, traditional, scripture based atmosphere in which to worship, join us.

*"Someone's junk is someone else's
Treasures"*

Save that junk or those treasures for
another six months and

Prepare for the

CHAUVIN GARAGE SALE

DAY

In May or June 2026

Exact date to be announced in
early 2026!

**The Village Office has volunteered to collect the names &
addresses of all participants. Rural residents are welcome
as well!**



Join us for a **POTLUCK LUNCH**

at the

CHAUVIN SENIORS DROP IN CENTER

Tuesday, January 20/26

12 Noon

Bring your favorite entrée, salad, dessert!

EVERYONE WELCOME

CARD GAMES TO FOLLOW



Confident, Strong and Healthy for 2026, taken from Joyce Meyers, Dec 2024

What does God have for you this year? What can you do to be healthier? How can you improve your relationships? Is this the year to start that business or ministry?

Whether you are planning for today, this week, this month or the year ahead, we wan to encourage you with this truth

The key to wise plans, big dreams, and effective prayers is spending time with God!

We want you to experience all that God has for you. It's really that simple. Regular time with God is the key to living a life full of hope and freedom that Jesus came to give you! When you spend time praying, studying the Word, and sitting quietly in Gods presence, it allows Him to show you HIS plans for you, and to show you how to accomplish the dreams He has placed in your heart.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you", James 4:8

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.", Matthew 6:33

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.", John 1:12

If you want to have a great life - a life of freedom that you truly enjoy - it all begins with reading and studying Gods Word. Taking the time to read and study Gods Word is one of the greatest investments you will ever make.

2 Timothy 3:16, points out that the Bible is your handbook for living

Romans 15:13, has all the answers to living a peaceful, successful, and enjoyable life

Proverbs 15:32, God uses His Word to teach, correct, and change you

Hebrews 12:1-2, points out that His word helps you fulfill your destiny here on earth

When we regularly spend time talking with God and studying His Word, we are sowing seeds that will reap a harvest in every single area of our lives. Its up to you to nurture the seed by continuing to pray and meditate on His Word. Consistency helps you draw closer to God, fall in love with His Word, discover His promises, and trust His plans for you and your loved ones.

Ladies Bible Study is scheduled to start Tuesday, January 20th at 1:30 pm at the church. This study is titled "Daring Joy", a seven week study about the power of celebration when it feels risky, complicated and even impossible. Contact Shelley Johnson at 780-806-3294

Mens Bible Study is Monday's at 7:00 pm at Rajottes, feel free to join them anytime - always an open invitation! Contact Remy at 780-842-0356

Sunday Worship starts at 10:30 am - Everyone is welcome - Come as you are!

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who gifted us with food, flowers, cards, handshakes, hugs or simply your verbal condolences at the time of Gene's passing. Your acts of caring and sharing are greatly appreciated and will be forever remembered, just as Gene continues to be remembered in our hearts.

Sincerely,
Richard and Janet Perry &
family

2026 Edgerton Hat Trick for Mental Health - Looking for Student Volunteers!



wainwrightwellness



Our Wow program is hosting a community event at the Edgerton Arena on January 10, 2026 called "Hat Trick for Mental Health" for their **Hockey Day in Edgerton**. We are partnering with Edgerton Arena Board to bring players, their families and the community together to raise awareness on the importance of Mental Health from an athletic perspective. There will be an interactive information table set up for community members attending to play games and gather information.

Once the first puck drops at 9 am, **WOW will be there**. The Mental Health promotional announcements will begin and be offered throughout each game. Starting at the U11 game at 12:30 pm, **Wow is looking for local skaters to fly our Hat Trick Flag** during the mental health announcements throughout the games. You must **email me to sign up your skater** and let me know what game they are available to fly the flag.

The day will end with the **Heritage Classic Game with local hockey players starting at 8:00 pm**. The **kids will be invited to warm up with these players**, stay on the ice for O'Canada and of course, **fly the flag**. We are wondering if anyone from your team would also like to participate by flying the flag at the Heritage Classic Game.

Please email me at: shannon.fife@btps.ca to register your skater or if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Shannon Fife, **WOW Wellness Facilitator** BTPS South Schools

Wainwright Hat Trick for Mental Health Mini Sticks Tournament 2026!



wainwrightonwellness

**HAT TRICK
FOR MENTAL HEALTH
MINI STICKS TOURNAMENT**

SATURDAY JAN 17, 2026

Mini sticks tournament, pre-game supper with the Wainwright Rustlers, dressing room tour & team autographs!

Registration Required!
Register in-person by Jan 12th at
Evolve Chiropractic (1118-10th Wainwright)
CASH ONLY \$10/child

-please bring your own mini stick-

Location: Peace Memorial Multiplex (Rocky Mountain Equipment room upstairs)
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Schedule:
3:45pm Arrival
3:00 pm Mini sticks
5:30 pm supper
6:15 pm dressing room tour
7:45 pm skate with Rustlers
9:00 pm Enjoy the game vs. Stettler

For more information contact
ariel.haubrich@btps.ca
780-806-6969

Optional opportunity to skate with Rustlers for
O Canada before puck drop
Helmets and skates are mandatory on the ice if
your child chooses to skate

Wainwright on Wellness and the Wainwright Rustlers invite you to join us Saturday January 17th, 2026 for the 10th annual "Hat Trick for Mental Health Ministicks tournament!"

This tournament is open to kids ages 5-11 and includes ministicks games, supper with the Rustlers, and a dressing room tour as well as an opportunity to join the Rustlers on the ice at their game that night (optional)!

Cost is \$10/ child (cash only please), and registration is required. Visit Evolve Wainwright (1118 - 10th street) to get your tickets and save your spot! Registration Deadline is Monday Jan 12th, 2026 at 4:00pm.

Space is limited so register soon! See poster for details, and for more information or questions, contact Ariel Haubrich at 780-806-6969 or ariel.haubrich@btps.ca

Ariel Haubrich

Wainwright On Wellness

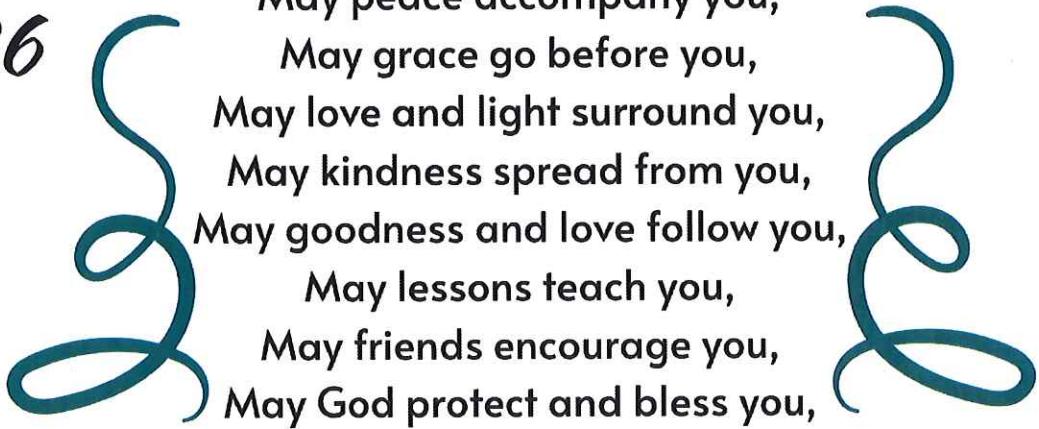
#MentalHealthMatters

The
privilege
of a lifetime
is to become
who you
truly are.
-Carl Jung-



If you can
overthink
the worst,
you can
overthink
the best.
Shift your
mindset.

A Blessing For Your 2026



May angels lead you,
May peace accompany you,
May grace go before you,
May love and light surround you,
May kindness spread from you,
May goodness and love follow you,
May lessons teach you,
May friends encourage you,
May God protect and bless you,
May your days be filled with joy, hope, love, and peace.



Community of Christ
Co-Pastors: Darleene & Leila

www.ribstonecommunityofchrist.com



SERVICES AND KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL: SUNDAYS 10 AM

Please Note: No Church on January 11. Back to Church on January 18.

2025-2026 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Please mark on your calendars for 2025-26

All deadlines will be on Wednesdays

Deadline will be NOON on the dates below, so that newsletter can be put together that day, and printed early the next day.

September 10th

-October 8th

November/December on Dec 3rd (no Dec print)

January 7th

February 4th

March 4th

April 1st

May 6th

June 10th

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If you are out of town and are on the mailing list, please consider a donation to help cover the cost of mailing your newsletter to you. If you wish to be removed from the mailing list, please call the school office at 780 858-3744 or email annette.dallyn@btps.ca

Suggested donations for ads in the newsletter are: \$5 for a half page, and \$10 for a full page.

Please submit all material to the school office, or mail your material with payment to:

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Ads may be emailed to annette.dallyn@btps.ca as long as arrangements have been made for payment with the office.





2026 READING LOG * January 1 to February 28 * You or your library can use the checkbox at the end of each row to track which rows you've already entered. To enter your minutes for the NLLS grand prize draw, bring this log to your library OR enter them online at:

NLLSREADINGPROGRAMS.CA



WHICH KIND OF PRIZE WOULD
YOU LIKE A CHANCE TO WIN?

LEGO PRIZE
OR
GIFT CARD PRIZE

This full book is 1200 minutes



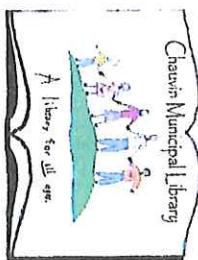
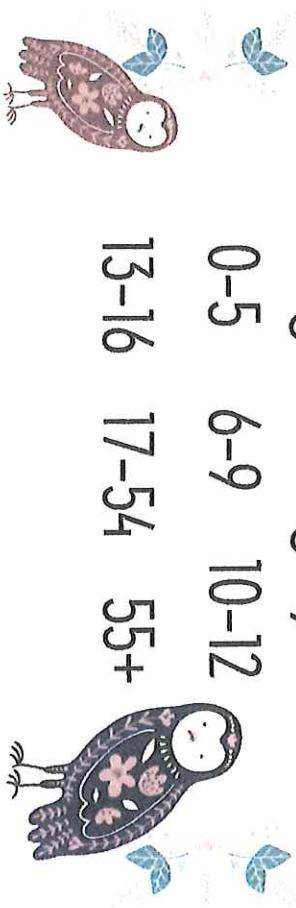
INTER
NLLS WINTER READING PROGRAM 2026

Log your minutes online by
March 1, 2026

LIBRARY CARD OR PHONE #:
HOME LIBRARY: CHAUVIN MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Age Category:

0-5 6-9 10-12
13-16 17-54 55+



Chauvin Municipal Library
780-858-3744
jwaterschauvinmunicipallibrary.ab.ca

NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2025

CHAUVIN MUNICIPAL LIBRARY



The Chauvin Municipal Library is conducting a survey to assess the needs of our community's library patrons.

Please stop and take a few minutes to answer some questions. Your opinion matters to us.

The Chauvin Municipal Library is located in the Dr. Folkins Community School.

Our public hours of operation are Mondays, Thursdays 3:30 – 6:30 pm.

You may also drop off books on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

User Satisfaction Survey

For each of the following items, please rate the library on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being very poor, 5 being excellent)

1. Library Staff (knowledge, helpfulness)	1 2 3 4 5
2. Library Collection	1 2 3 4 5
3. Information Services	1 2 3 4 5
4. Library facilities	1 2 3 4 5
5. Electronic resources	1 2 3 4 5
6. Library hours	1 2 3 4 5
7. Overall Satisfaction	1 2 3 4 5

***Chauvin Municipal Library has been a part of Northern Lights Library Systems since 2010. This gives patrons the ability to find materials anywhere in Alberta and have them shipped to Chauvin.**

What is your favourite part about the Chauvin Municipal Library?

What types of books do you prefer to read?

Are you familiar with all the e-resources that our library has to offer? We have e-books, audiobooks, digital magazines, digital newspapers, etc. What e-resources do you use?

We would like to know what other services/ programs we could provide to our patrons and what age category? Currently we have adult book club, Teen M.A.G.I.C., 2 elementary Library fun programs. Each run once a month.

Our library advertises in the Chauvin newsletter, post office, and Facebook page about what programs and events we offer. Where do you see us posting our information?

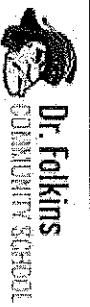
What would encourage you to visit the library?

Thank you for taking a few minutes to let us know what we can do to make your library a valuable part of our community. Drop off surveys at the school or Village Office.



January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No School	2 No School
4	5	6	7 Staff Meeting Newsletter	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 School council 7pm	21	22 Grad Prestige Photo Day	23	24
25	26	27	28 24-25 Awards Presentation	29 PL-day **CHANGED TO STUDENT DAY	30 Self Directed Teacher Day No School	Feb 2 nd Semester 2 starts



February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sem 2 Spirit Week →	2 1 st Student Day Sem 2	3	4 Newsletter	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Wear Red or Pink Happy Valentine's Day	12 Teachers Convention No school	13 Teachers Convention No School	14
15	16 Family Day Holiday No School	17	18 100 th Day of School	19	20	21
22	23 Jump Rope for Heart	24	25 Pink Shirt Day Anti-bullying	26	27	28