



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

After a snowy end to January and final semester 1 exams, February and semester 2 have started off relatively smoothly with a small change to the high school timetable. After trying 84 minute classes for the last 2 years it was decided to go back to the old system of 64 minute classes with a repeat class each day using a 3 day cycle. These changes have been posted around the school so the students know where they are supposed to be going and what day of the cycle it is. A revised timetable and first month of day's cycle has been attached at the end of the newsletter for your reference.

In regards to the bus snow day we encountered on Tuesday, Jan. 29 the new snow day bussing policy is outlined below. As this was the first snow day since the new policy was implemented there was some confusion by all parties involved. Hopefully, if we have another snow day, things will go a little more smoothly. Please review the policy below:

1. AP 131 Inclement Weather

Basic Philosophy - Run whenever IT IS SAFE so students can get to school.

IF DON'T RUN IN AM – THEN RUN IN PM UNLESS NOT SAFE TO DO SO – This is NEW (effective January 1, 2013) and in response to parent feedback.

- PM bus to run even if it did not run in AM for entire jurisdiction. If bus does not run in the AM it will run in the PM. If the driver determines that the bus WILL NOT run in the PM due to safety concerns (ie. inclement weather), then the parents and Administration needs to be notified no later than **noon** of that day

Rationale

As we review our data in the area, often the decision not run is based on road or weather conditions that have changed significantly by the end of the school day even though their route was not operating in the morning. All the drivers must contact the parents when there are changes to their scheduled run so this information would be communicated to parents by the bus driver. They in turn would inform the principal. Many parents already drop students off at school when the bus does not run and in many of the cases we have looked at, there would be no safety issue with the bus route operating at the end of the school day.

THIS CHANGE IS IN RESPONSE TO PARENT REQUESTS.

REDMEN NEWS

SR GIRLS BASKETBALL

This has been a very positive season with 13 hard working girls. The girls finished second at the Acme Co-Ed classic, first in Drumheller, fourth in Ryley and are just coming off another tournament win in Hanna. The girls have a few more league games left with the last home game on Feb. 13, which is also Seniors Night so come out and support your Seniors. Zones are March 8 and 9th in Olds. Good luck to the girls and Congratulations for all their hard work and effort!

JV BOYS BASKETBALL

JVB were in Lethbridge at 4A JV tourney - tough games
Feb 13 Seniors night
Feb 19 all teams 3 on 3
Feb 20 JVB vs Three Hills at Acme 5:15
Feb 25 JVB at Hanna

SR BOYS BASKETBALL

As for league play this has been a very good season for the boys thus far going undefeated. Zones to complete the league are in Rosemary March 8 & 9. We will be attending 3 other tournaments this month at Sundre, David Thompson, and Drumheller.



KALS UPCOMING COURSES

You and The Law Wed. evenings 6:30-8:30 pm at the KALS office. Topics include Looking at the Legal Issues in Looking after Dependent Parents, Renter's Rights, Grandparents-Grandchildren-and-the Law, Separation & Divorce, the Law and Living Together.

Computers 45-minute 1-on-1 assistance Feb 15, March 15.
Also offering a 2-hr session on how to set up eMail, gMail, Hotmail on March 14

Weight Wise Free 12 week weight loss program. Starts Feb. 26, call 443.5522

English Second language (ELL) drop-in classes on Monday evenings. New Canadians & family Social Evening Tuesday March 19. Call for details

LIBRARY NEWS

The students are continuing to work their way through report period 3 which will go until Thursday, March 7, 2013. Everyone is progressing along quite nicely, but remember for those that meet their reading goal there is a reward at the end of the period.

As a matter of interest how many words do you think a student can read in a semester? Here's a small sample of what our students have achieved since September:

Grade 2: Highest number of words read – 80,097

Grade 3: Highest number of words read – 453,253

Grade 4: Highest number of words read – 1,555,975

Grade 5: Highest number of words read – 1,406,962

Grade 6: Highest number of words read – 1,304,628

Keep up the great reading students and teachers!

The Grade 3's flat stanley's are starting to come in now. He has been to some pretty interesting places and done some pretty interesting activities. Please drop by the library and see all he has done.

The Grade 4/5 class is working on paper bag book reports on the book they are each currently reading. There have been some pretty imaginative reports and these as well are on display in the Library.

At any time that you want to see what is happening and being offered in the Library, please stop by for a visit.

GEARING'S DRIVERS ED

Topics covered in classroom sessions:

Introduction to the Highway Traffic System

Rules of the road and licensing, insurance and registration

Three components of the Highway Traffic System, The Drivers Responsibility, The Automobile, The Road Conditions (Adverse driving conditions or weather)

Gearing's approach to driving: S.A.F.E., SEE, ANALYZE, FIND, ESCAPE

Basic manoeuvres

Sharing the road

Collision Avoidance

Fuel Efficiency

Personal safety and security

Road Test Prep

Successful completion of the classroom sessions requires:

A passing grade of 80% on the classroom exam (if necessary the classroom test may be re-written) after 7 days.

Full attendance of the classroom sessions. (16 hours).

In-car Scheduling Conflict?

Individual classroom sessions **can be rescheduled** to another date or location at **no additional cost**. Contact us by email: rgearing@telus.net or text 403 357-0750

Prices: 16 means in-class hrs and the number after indicates the hours of in-car.

1606 Licensed Driver 450.00 + GST

1610 New Drivers 650.00 + GST

1612 New Drivers 750.00 + GST

1614 New Drivers 850.00 + GST

1620 New Drivers 1250.00 +GST

If you see a price for the same product that is lower we will gladly match that price.!

The Car Rental is 35.00+ GST and only available upon availability.

Gearing's offers different payment options

Option #1: Three Equal Payments One third at the time of registration, one third approximately before driving commences and a final payment on completion of the course.

Option #2: Pay for Classroom Portion Upfront and then Two Equal Payments

Pay for the classroom portion at time of registration; the remaining balance of course fees will be split into two equal payments and paid within 30 days.

To register and take advantage of one of the payment plan options, please With either of these payment options students are not assigned to an in-car instructor until the final payment is processed.

Option #3: Register now and pay in full by Visa or MasterCard.

In-centre payments can be Visa, MasterCard, cash, cheque. using PAYPAL online @ www.getgearingstodrive.com

WE recommend **parents/coaches provide anywhere from 25-30 hours of additional driving experience** over and above what time is spent with our instructors. This will only help in the lifelong skill and confidence they will need to pass a Drivers Exam.

Each student will receive a free complimentary copy of the Geared to Go Manual for their coach for in car to use; to help them practice and it offers many tips and advise on how to coach and keep track of common the new driver errors.

Acme High School - Repeat Block Timetable 2012-2013 (Sem. 2)

DAY	1	2	3
8:55 - 10:00	Sci 10, ELA 20-1, Chem. 30, SS 30-2	Sci 10, ELA 20-1, Chem. 30, SS 30-2	Sci 10, ELA 20-1, Chem. 30, SS 30-2
10:00 - 11:05	CALM 20/PE 10, Chem. 20, SS 30-1	CALM 20/PE 10, Chem. 20, SS 30-1	CALM 20/PE 10, Chem. 20, SS 30-1
11:05 - 12:05	REPEAT BLOCK 1	REPEAT BLOCK 2	REPEAT BLOCK 3
12:05 - 12:35	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:35 - 1:40	ELA 10-1, ELA 10-2, ELA 30-2, Physics 20/30, PE 20/30	ELA 10-1, ELA 10-2, ELA 30-2, Physics 20/30, PE 20/30	ELA 10-1, ELA 10-2, ELA 30-2, Physics 20/30, PE 20/30
1:42 - 3:06	French, Photography, Cosmo, For. Sci., Math 31	French, Photography, Cosmo, For. Sci., Math 31	French, Photography, Cosmo, For. Sci., Math 31

~ February 2013 ~						
◀ January						March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 1	6 2	7 3	8 FLEX – NO SCHOOL	9
10	11 1	12 2	13 3	14 1	15 2	16
17	18 FAMILY DAY – NO SCHOOL	19 3	20 1	21 TEACHER NO	22 CONVENTION SCHOOL	23
24	25 2	26 3	27 1	28 2	Notes:	

More Calendars: [Mar 2013](#), [Apr 2013](#), [May 2013](#)