



Achievement at River Valley School

Literacy is the foundation of school success, and something that receives significant attention at River Valley School. It starts in Kindergarten building on the vital work done by parents in those early years, focusing on an exposure to wonderful books, and the joy to be found in listening to a story well told. Experimenting with print moves into the telling of their own stories, which capture both their imagination and ours as well. Students continue to build their literacy skills as they grow, progressing from storyboard writing in the earliest grades, to Middle School students writing, illustrating and sharing stories, poems, essays and more. The daily 02 Time block continues to provide the time for intense focus on both the areas of reading and writing, as the basis for academic success.

Mathematics work is also key to moving learning forward, and we are tackling that from a variety of angles. This includes innovative strategies, working with some of our in-house numeracy experts, and accessing division office support as they build a Mathematics Framework to support our work. It also includes a universal Mathematics assessment called the MIPI (Math Intervention Programming Instrument), that each student worked through in the Fall.

Assessment of our progress in these areas is supported by the use of various tools, which tell us specifically how each and every student is doing, and how we can help them do better. In reading we use something called a Jerry Johns assessment to help us determine where students are at, as well as the HLAT (Highest Level of Achievement Test) that focuses on writing. The CESD Literacy Framework then provides numerous strategies to help teachers with strategies to move students forward. As noted above, the MIPI and Mathematics Framework provides similar data and support in the area of numeracy. We use all this data to determine programming from the beginning of the year for each student, and continue to assess throughout the year to determine next steps. Collaboration days continue to be used to examine research based strategies to help each student (both strong and struggling) move forward to reach their academic potential. 02 Time and collaborative days are integral to helping us personalize learning for kids, and we appreciate the support provided at home as well with bedtime stories, counting out the cutlery when setting the table, working on those multiplication tables, and modeling a love of literacy yourself – thank you!

Cheers,
Leslie Cooper-Shand
Principal



Pink Shirt Day
We watched the movie "Kung Fu Panda" at RVS last week to facilitate great kindness conversations!

	March 07, 2025 Collab Day No Students		March 17, 2025 Green Day		March 21, 2025 PD Day No Students
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Important Dates to Remember

mon	tues	wed	thurs	fri
3 Day 8	4 Day 1	5 Day 2 Subway Day Farm Safety Presentations Kind to Gr 6	6 Day 3 Farm Safety Presentations Kind to Gr 6 School Council Family Movie Night Onward @ 6:30PM RVS Gym Doors open @ 6:00PM	7 PD Day No Students
10 Day 4	11 Day 5 Pizza Day	12 Day 6	13 Day 7	14 Day 8
17 Day 1 Green Day Gr4/5 Choir Kiwanis Olds Parent Teacher Interviews	18 Day 8 School Council 4:00PM Gr 7/8 Band Kiwanis Olds Parent Teacher Interviews	19 Day 1 Parent Teacher Interviews	20 Day 2 Youth Mental Health Clinic	21 PD Day No Students Gr 4 & Gr 7 Parents Alberta Ed Survey Due
24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 7
31 Day 8				



Well done Science Fair Participants! This year RVS had 36 projects and 50 students involved! Those who placed in the top have been invited to attend the next county level Science Fair in Olds. Good Luck! Please make sure your MSTs Science Fair Forms are submitted online if you plan to attend.

Participants

- Grade 1 Biman Weerasekara: Parts of the Tree
Eli Newsham: Volcano
- Grade 2 Emmie Allison: Soap
- Grade 3 Heili Weerasekara: Lava Lamp
Tina Trinh: Boat Toy on Water
Olive Urlacher and Ruth Rock: Bird Buffet
Eliana Austin-Bergen: Markers
Hendrix Reicker and Maisie Reicker :Lava Lamp

Honorable Mentions

- Grade 1 Delia Ritchie: Exploring Frozen Differences: Freshwater Ice vs Seawater Ice
- Grade 2 Soren Jensen: The Venom
- Grade 3 Grayer Fancie: How do Sharks Float?
Lennon Kelway-Mjolsness: Can Mars Support Human Life?
Huckleberry Hus and Gr 1 Arlo Hus: The Microbiology of Our Home
- Grade 4 Jayla Hughes-Jackson: The Claw
Isabelle Brink and Rebecca Blackhurst: How Do Figure Skates Work on Ice?
- Grade 5 Allison Bontilao and Given Grace Gozum: Waterfall
Zachary Zloty and Yenuka Indrapala: Hand held Vacuum
- Grade 7 Elizabeth Ebelher: How do Airplanes Fly!
- Grade 8 Emma Anderson: Physics of Skateboarding

Second Place

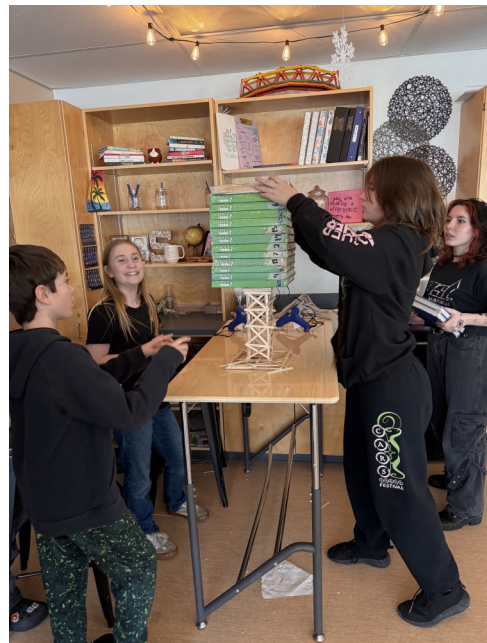
- Grade 1 Jude Shippy: How Wheels Change Color Champion: What's the Best Water Temperature?
- Grade 3 Beau Gleeson: Concussions: The Risk of Impact!
Piper Free: Shaky Skies: The Science of Skyscrapers
- Grade 4 Alaya Myette: Life of a Side Boom
Piper Storey and Harmony Hannah: Eww Germs!
- Grade 5 Maeve Petersen and Violet Phillips: Can you change budgies color?
- Grade 7 Julie Murphy and Elizabeth Downey: Eggsperiment
- Grade 8 Jillian Dumas: OH NOO! (Our Habits Nullify Our Oceans!)

First Place

- Grade 1 Miller Forster and Sawyer Forster: The Centrifugal Force-ter Boys
- Grade 2 Jack Brenneis: How much heat is needed to open pine cones?
- Grade 3 Adara Myhr: Secrets of the Venus Flytrap
- Grade 4 Katelyn Hope and Everly Zinter: What Materials Conduct Electricity?
- Grade 5 Stuart Juke: All about Catapults
- Grade 6 Aida McSeveny: How was Mount Taranaki formed?
- Grade 7 Zeme Eyike: Animal's Adaptation to Pollution
- Grade 8 Brooklyn Butts and Jamay Boulton: FireIce

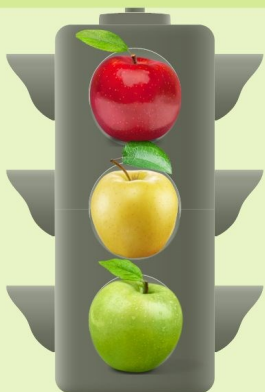


Spelling Bee 2025 Champs
Teagan R. Allison B. Issabella Z.



Gr. 7 Popsicle Stick
Bridge Building

When do absences become a problem?



Chronic absence
18 or more days

Caution Zone
10 to 17 days

Good attendance
9 or fewer absences



* Fall Planning is already starting - please register ASAP!

Ready, Set, Go!

Welcome to Online Kindergarten Registration!

Chinook's Edge will be accepting Online Kindergarten Registrations starting January 6, 2025 for the 2024-2025 school year. Please visit our website at www.cesd73.ca for Kindergarten information!



Community Connections

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

Family Movie Night

Entry by Donation

\$1.00 popcorn and juice

March 6, 2025

River Valley School Gym

Children must be accompanied by a parent or high school aged student

Doors open at 6:00pm, showtime at 6:30

Feature Presentation: Onward



Nutrition Grant

We are again this year using a Nutrition Grant to provide milk and/or milk and cereal to students once a month.

Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Parents of Gr 4 and Gr 7 students will be provided with access codes and survey information this week. Please take a moment to complete this important document (survey closes March 21, 2025) that helps us to develop school plans to make River Valley education even better—Thank You!

Dear parents/guardians:

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a world-class education for Alberta's children, Alberta Education will again be conducting our annual survey of grades 4, 7 and 10 students and their parents or guardians. 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.



Your input supports improvements in our education system

This year's survey will take place from February to March 2025, and we strongly encourage all eligible parents or guardians to participate and share your feedback on your child's or children's education.

Survey participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, including:

- welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments;
- student learning engagement; and
- parental involvement in their children's education.

Survey participants are not required to provide their names or personal details, and all survey responses are confidential.

By completing the survey, you are helping both Alberta Education and your local school authority identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. When the results are in, Alberta sends them to school authorities, who in turn share them with their local school community and use them to inform their annual education plans.



Surveys will be provided by your school

Completing the annual education survey is easy. Your principal or school administrator will provide you with a unique, single-use access code on behalf of Alberta Education that you can use to log in and complete the survey online confidentially.

- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate random access code for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested once the survey opens.
- Participants can skip questions for any reason and may opt out of the survey at any point.



Students fill out their surveys at school

Students are surveyed during the same time period as their parents or guardians, but they typically fill out their surveys at school.

- Like their parents or guardians, students are provided with a random access code to log in and complete the survey confidentially.
- Students can skip questions for any reason and may opt out of the survey at any point.

Additional details about Alberta Education's quality assurance measures and framework for monitoring performance in the education system are available at

www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey

Please contact your school principal if you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in the survey.

Youth Mental Health Clinic



Are you between the ages of 6 – 14 and experiencing struggles with your mental health?

Dr. J Smith and Irma van den Hadelkamp (RN) from the Primary Care Network will be on site at River Valley School once per month for consultation.



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

PROTECTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Upcoming Dates at River Valley School

Thursday, Jan 23rd, 2025 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Thursday, Feb 13th, 2025 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Thursday, Mar 20th, 2025 1:00pm - 4:00pm



**To book an appointment:
Please contact Irma @ Primary Care Network
Phone 403-586-0371**





Gr 8 RVS students at Youth Try A Trade Day
Olds College



Middle School Academic Awards

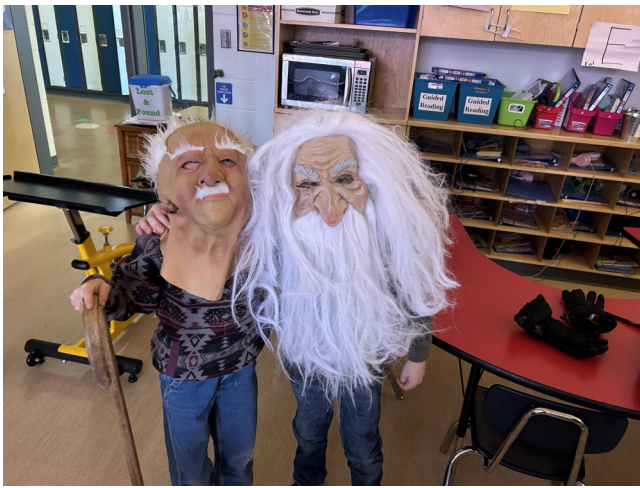


RVS Boys Basketball



River Valley School 2025 Science Fair



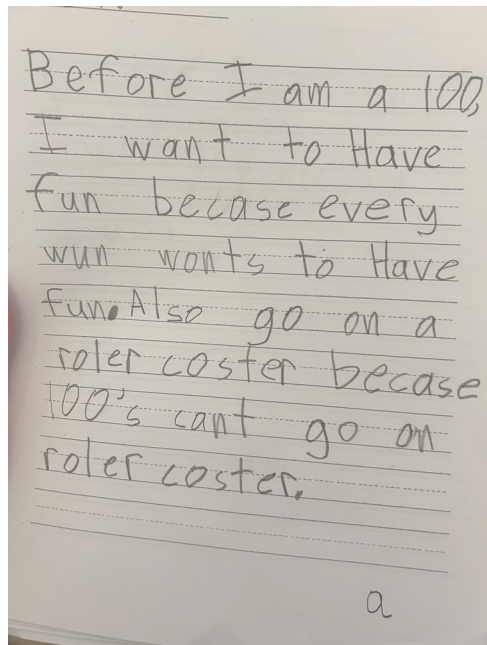


Gr 2 is 100 Days Smarter

Math Challenge: Students were given \$100.00 to spend wisely at the store buying all the food groups from their health

lessons.

Writing Challenge: What do you want to do before you are 100 and why?



Gr 5 Curling, Cue Bots and Buffalo Kits

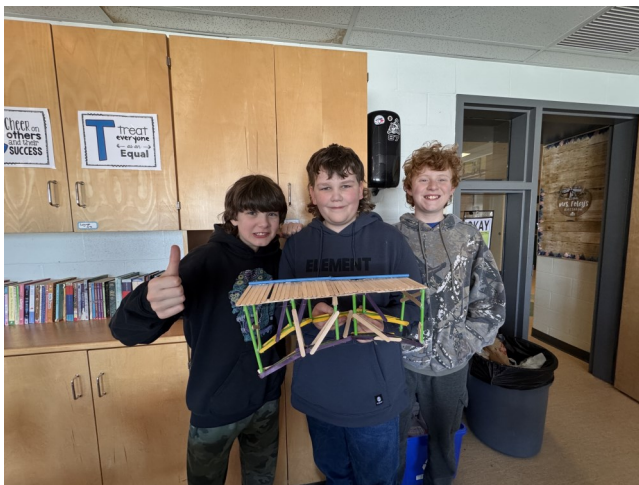


Dance



Chess + Checkers Club (above)
Gr 7 Popsicle Stick Bridge Building (below)

Gr 8 Renaissance Fair



SUNDRE ON THE GO

MARCH 2025

Brought to you by Greenwood Neighbourhood Place & Sundre Community Support Services (FCSS)

Greenwood Neighbourhood Place

Office Hours:
Tuesday to Wednesday
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursday 9:30AM-4:00PM

403 638 1011
#5, 96-2 Ave NW
PO Box 1846,
Sundre AB, T0M 1X0

Email: info@mygnp.org
www.mygnp.org
CRA Charitable No.
866369374RR0001

Scan for Website Events Page

INCOME TAX TIME Is Here!

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM
MARCH 4-APRIL 30 | TUES-THURS | 10AM-3PM

FREE Income Tax preparation if you qualify!

Eligible Taxpayer Family Income
Individual - Up to \$35,000
Couple - Up to \$45,000
Each Dependent add \$2,500

The following returns do NOT qualify:
self-employment, business or rental income, capital gains or losses, bankruptcy, or deceased in the year.

Canada

If you have mobility issues please contact us.

Call for info: 403.638.1011

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 17

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY 55+ ART WORKSHOPS!

Do you have a creative side and some time to spare? We're looking for volunteers to facilitate 55+ Art Workshops!

- Share your love for art
- Support and inspire local seniors
- Enjoy a fun and rewarding experience

If you're artistic, crafty, or just love being around creative people, we'd love to hear from you!

For more info, contact: info@mygnp.org
Help make a difference, one art class at a time!

Greenwood Neighbourhood Place Building Connection and Resilience

Promoting & Supporting NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS with free postings

Sundre Caregiver Support Group
First Thursday Monthly
1:30PM-3:30PM

For anyone providing care & support to those with healthcare needs.

Sundre Seniors Drop in Centre
For more info:
Cindy Andrus 587-876-0943

Royal Canadian Legion

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance

Saturday | March 15

Doors Open 5:30PM
Dinner at 6:30PM
Dancing starts at 7:30PM
\$25 at the door

Cash Bar, Safe Ride Home available

Live Music by Whiskey Stagger Band
135 - 6th Street, SE, Sundre
For more info:
Heather Rayner 403-638-9526

Sundre United Church

World Day of Prayer

Friday | March 7 | 2:00PM

Location:
Sundre United Church 118 Centre St N

Members of local Sundre Churches join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

All are welcome.

For more information:
Cheri Jahne 403 638-4807
sundreuc@telus.net

Tickets on Sale Now

WOMEN IN BUSINESS AWARDS

"Shine Brightly, Lead Boldly"

Friday | March 7

Categories:
Agriculture, Agri Business, Agri Food
Hospitality & Tourism
Not-for-Profit Business
For-profit Business
Woman of Influence

Get Your Tickets Here

Camp Evergreen

Summer Family and Youth Camps Registrations Open

Be sure to register early to get into your favourite camps!

Ladies Retreat
April 4-6
Join us for a retreat designed to honour and refresh women.

Camp Evergreen
31404 Range Rd 52,
Sundre, AB

www.camp-evergreen.com

Sundre Municipal Library

Microsoft Mondays
Mon | March 3, 10, 17, 14
6:30PM-8:30PM

Learn basic Microsoft program skills. Call to register.

LEGO Club
Tues | March 4, 11, 18, 25
3:15PM-4:15PM

Supervised free build time. Call to register!

Family Gym Time
Fri | March 24 | 9:30AM-11:30AM
Sundre Community Center
Join us for the last session of the season!

For more information or to register, visit us in person at the Sundre Library, or call 403-638-4000.
https://prl.ab.ca/sundre

River Valley School Fundraising Society

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday | March 6 | 6:00PM
Location: River Valley School

FEATURING "ONWARD"
ADMISSION BY DONATION

For more information:
rvsschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Sundre & District Museum

Chainsaw and CrossCut Saw Sharpening Course
Taught by Alfred Schmutz and Lauren Damant

Saturday | March 29
1:30PM-3:00PM

Register by March 21
More info or to Register call:
403-638-3233

Regular Museum hours:
Tues-Sat 10:00AM-5:00PM

sundre soccer club
registration is open!

Age Groups: Recreation League US/UT/US Competitive League US and up
When: End of April to End of June

Registration closes March 24th
Register at www.sundresoccer.com
For any questions, please email sundresoccer@hotmail.com

Sundre SPRUCE (Seniors Protected and Respected Under Community Engagement)

will be holding a

DRUM CIRCLE

Thursday | March 20 | 2:00PM
at the MCHS Drop in - North door
Facilitator is Shannon Wolf

Anyone 55+ are welcome to attend. Others interested, please email: sundrespruce20@gmail.com with your request.

Sundre Aquaplex March

Swim Lessons for all ages!
Offered Tuesday & Thursday evenings

Homeschool Lessons

Thursday Parent-tot, & Saturday mornings

Junior Life Club: Fridays, 4PM-5 PM

Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, National Lifeguard (Original & Recert) courses available

Private & Semi-private Lessons available email: aquaplexpatricia@gmail.com

24-Hour Fitness Center:
Daytime Drop-Ins Welcome

Drop-In Aqua Fitness/Water Workout

PLEASE VISIT
WWW.SUNDREAQUAPLEX.COM
OR CALL (403) 638-9370 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Alberta Pioneer Camps
- SUMMER -
Day & Overnight

CAMPS

2025

Try new & exciting activities that are challenging and fun! ALL AGES!

Registration now OPEN!!

www.pioneercampalberta.ca
REGISTRATION@PIONEERCAMPS.AE.CA
403-638-2660

GREENWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



Save the Date!

WILDERNESS WARRIORS

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 23

FOR GRADES 4-6
Location: Mahikan Trails In Sundre

A full day of outdoor adventure, hands on nature skill and exploring!
Stay Tuned for registration details.

Child Safe

Friday | March 21 | 9:00AM-11:00PM
For Children in Grades 4-6

This one-day program helps kids build confidence, develop quick-thinking skills, and practice basic self-defense techniques in a supportive, interactive environment.

Cost: \$16

Location: River Valley Gym
Register: www.mygnp.org

THE DEN SYC

GLOW BOWLING

MARCH 20, 2025
6:00-9:00PM

\$20

INCLUDES:
TRANSPORTATION
BOWLING
HOT DOGS & POP

REGISTER AT WWW.THEDENSYC.ORG
OPEN TO GRADES 7-12

COOKING UP CONNECTIONS

Wednesday | Mar 26
4:00PM - 7:00PM
Cooking With Friends

Includes a meal to take home

Location:
Sundre Legion

\$10

Register at www.mygnp.org

Spring Finance Webinars

Attend one, two, or all!

Learn steps to budgeting & marketing techniques.

Budgeting 101
Monday | March 17 | 7:30PM

The Truth About Credit
Monday | April 14 | 7:30PM

The Psychology of Spending
Wednesday | May 7 | 7:30PM

Register at:
www.eventbrite.com/cc/finance-webinars-3975653

Seniors 55+

JUKEBOX HEAVEN

LEGENDS LIVE FOREVER

Tuesday | April 22
Van Departs Town of Sundre Parking lot at 8:30AM
Van Returns at 8:30PM

Music legends from various genres held the title of most played song on the Jukebox. Though some have passed away, their music will play on forever from the great big Jukebox in the sky!

COST: \$75

Get Your Ticket at: www.mygnp.org

Seniors Art Programs

Tuesdays | 10:00AM-12:00PM

March 18
Sundre Seniors Lodge

March 25
Harmattan Community Hall

Register at www.mygnp.org

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday | March 7 | 6:00PM-8:00PM

Community Gym Board Room

Join us for our 2025 AGM to review our 2024 year!

For More Information and to RSVP:
sundredcarey@gmail.com

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday | March 4 | 5:00PM-7:00PM

Sundre United Church Hall
118 - Centre St N

Adults: \$10
Children: (6 - 12 yrs) \$5
Under 5 yrs - FREE

Hosted by:
Sundre Royal Purple and Sundre United Church

For more info: Joyce Wicks 403-638-3962

McDougal Chapel
Grief Share

Sundays | Runs Until June 8 | 3:00PM-5:00PM

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Space is limited. For registration and more info: Michele 403.863.7532
McDougal Chapel 403.584. Sundre admin@mcDougalchapel.com

Sundre Creative Arts

Paint-In
Sat | March 1 | 10:00AM-3:00PM
Sundre Public Library

Beginners and non-members welcome
Free

Learn to paint landscapes with Instructor Osi Cruz- Latinen.
Sat | March 22 | 9:30AM-4:00PM
Sundre Catholic Church
Fee \$40. please phone to register

Save the Date!
Sundre Art Show and Sale 2025
Sat | April 26 | 1:00PM-5:00PM & Sun | April 27 | 11:00AM-3:30PM
West Country Centre
Help us celebrate 50 years of creativity.

For More Info: Lila-403.638.4269

WANT TO TOUR FULL SIZE NOAH'S ARK?

Ark Encounter 32 min guided walk through Creation Museum 32 min guided walk through

Family's welcome
Video Tour of Ark Encounter 32 min guided walk through Creation Museum 32 min guided walk through

Main Ave Fellowship, 402 Main Ave, Sundre
March 21 | 6:30PM-8:00PM

Bergen Church Sundre Township Rd 320
Between RR14&55
March 23, 25 | 6:30PM-8:00PM

Free Admission
For More Info: Muffetmuffin@gmail.com
call 403-638-0216

Bergen Missionary Church

Over Jordan Blessing Concert

Friday | March 28 | 7:00PM

For more information: bergenchurch.ca

Sundre Palliative Care

Welcome to Monthly Meetings!
Thurs | Mar 13 | 2PM
SSSL - North Doors

Drop In Grief Group
Thurs | Mar 20 | Apr 24 | 2PM-4PM
Main Ave Church, Sundre

Info: Anne Brander 403-507-1255
Sundrepalliativecare@gmail.com

OLDS AND AREA

Pregnancy Support Centre

Congratulations on your new baby!

We are so excited for you & would love to give you a little gift. Please call us to arrange a time to pick up your gift.

Check out all of our programs at:
https://oldspreg.ca/

Or call us at: 587.796.1611

Alberta Pioneer Camps
- SUMMER -
Day & Overnight

CAMPS

2025

Try new & exciting activities that are challenging and fun! ALL AGES!

Registration now OPEN!!

www.pioneercampalberta.ca
REGISTRATION@PIONEERCAMPS.AE.CA
403-638-2660

Sundre West Country Centre

101 2nd Ave., by the Arena
Wheelchair accessible
March Events

Music & Dancing | Sun 1 & 3 | 1:30PM
Cribbage | Sun 2 & 4 | 1:30PM

Pool & Snooker | Mon | 9:30AM
Carpet Bowling | Mon | 1:00PM

Line Dancing | Tues | 10:00AM
Canasta | Tues | 12:15PM

Stretching | Wed | 10:00AM
Games | Wed - 1 & 3 | 1:00PM
Pool & Snooker | Wed | 1:00PM

Carpet Bowling | Thurs | 1:00PM
Quitting | Thurs

Floor Curling | Fri | 1:00PM
Pot Luck | Last Fri at 12 noon

Come Join Us !!

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Cooking For Kindness

Community Luncheon

Wednesday March 19
11:30AM-1:00PM

SUNDRE LEGION HALL-\$10/PLATE

More info & Transportation or to volunteer call: Laurelie at 403.638.3378

Sundre Aquaplex

PLEASE VISIT
WWW.SUNDREAQUAPLEX.COM
OR CALL (403) 638-9370 FOR MORE INFORMATION.