

Rylan: Class of 2026

For Rylan, high school wasn't just about the textbooks; it was about the people. When asked what he is most proud of, his answer was simple: **the friends and relationships he made along the way.** Whether it was learning how to handle the highs and lows of competition on the **volleyball court** or mastering "people skills" that he knows will serve him for a lifetime, Rylan has always prioritized the community around him.

Rylan's time at school has been shaped by hands-on learning and supportive staff. He credits **Mr. Genereux's** shop and photography classes for being a total "blast," and gives a special shout-out to **Ms. Heath**, who he says was always there to lighten the mood and offer a helping hand.

While he's grown quite a bit since his early days—literally, he notes that "getting taller" is his biggest change since freshman year—he still carries fond memories of playing soccer with the "big kids" back in Grade 2.

Rylan is heading off to the **University of Saskatchewan** to pursue a **Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences**. As he prepares for this next chapter, he leaves the underclassmen with one very practical piece of advice for surviving high school: "Try not to be late."

From his "super-duper" high school experience to his bright future in agriculture, we can't wait to see what Rylan achieves next. **Congratulations, Rylan!**



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Principal's Corner: Going for Gold in Literacy!

February has arrived at Lucky Lake School, and the month is shaping up to be one of the busiest and most vibrant stretches of the academic year. From the launch of a school-wide literacy competition to essential staffing transitions and community fundraisers, students and staff are diving headfirst into a schedule packed with learning, leadership, and celebration.

The cornerstone of this month's activities is the celebration of "**I Love to Read Month.**" This year, the school is thrilled to debut a high-energy theme: the **Reading Olympics**. Drawing inspiration from the 2026 Milano Cortina Games also occurring this month, students will be "training their reading muscles" through a variety of competitive and engaging challenges.

Throughout the month, classrooms will use reading trackers to log minutes and compete for top honours, while students will also have the opportunity to vote on their favorite "Best of" book titles- awarding bronze, silver, and gold to various best of books (ex: Best Adventure Novel). The excitement begins early with the **Riders Reading Program**, who will visit during the first week of February to help reinforce the message that reading is not only important, but also fun, social, and something to celebrate.

The Student Leadership Team (SLT) is taking a front-seat role in fostering school pride this month. Students can look forward to the popular **Senior Heart Game**, the sale of **Crush-grams** for \$2 per can, and a specially curated **Olympic-themed Spirit Week**. These dress-up days and activities are designed to build community connections and encourage participation across all grade levels.

In addition to school spirit, classrooms will turn their attention toward global cultures by recognizing the **Lunar New Year**. Students will explore the traditions, symbols, and celebrations associated with this holiday, which is observed by many families around the world. Later in the month, the school will mark **Pink Shirt Day**, a time dedicated to classroom conversations regarding kindness and inclusion. By wearing pink, our school community will reaffirm its shared commitment to a safe, respectful, and caring learning environment.

Calling All Student Creators: Show Off Your Skills!

Help Promote the **2026 Skills Canada Saskatchewan Provincial Competition**.

We're excited to share opportunities for students to showcase their skills! If you know **any Grade 9 to 12 students** who might be interested, please help spread the word.

Registration is NOW OPEN for the **Skills Canada Saskatchewan Provincial Competition on Friday, March 27, 2026, in Regina, SK at Sask Polytech Regina Campus!**

Parents have your child(ren) create a two-minute video to demonstrate workplace safety, health and injury prevention in an engaging way and be entered to win prizes for the team and the school!

Enter your video in WorkSafe Saskatchewan's 2026 Youth Video Contest, offered with support from the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS).

The top three videos selected will receive a cash prize for the student team and high school. The Frist Prize winner advances to the CCOHS Youth Video National Contest.

The contest is open to all Saskatchewan students in Grades 9 to 12.

FOR INFO:
skillscanadasask.com



Academics

Celebrating our student's academic achievements!

"The more you know, the less you fear."
- Chris Hadfield

Principal's Corner Continued...

The month also marks the return of our annual TeleMiracle fundraiser, a cause our school community remains deeply proud of due to our long-standing history of support. In keeping with tradition, students are encouraged to fundraise within the community and skate laps at the local rink in exchange for donations. To further boost our contribution this year, the SCC is collecting an additional \$2 per hot lunch served at the rink, with all proceeds going directly toward our school's TeleMiracle fundraising total. We look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together through our collective generosity!

Note: Our school's all-time fundraising record remains in 1990 with a total of \$3688.92.

Several important staffing transitions are taking place this February. The school officially welcomes **Ms. Dawn Hastings**, who has started teaching in the Grade 1/2 classroom. Ms. Hastings arrives following a term in Outlook, and the school appreciates the community's patience as we waited for her to join our team. During the interim, **Mr. Glen Smith** provided exceptional support to the Grade 1/2 class; his energy, kindness, and curiosity left a lasting positive impact on the students, and it was a joy to have him back in the building.

The library is also under new leadership as **Mrs. Deenna Nelson** joins us as our new librarian. Students can look forward to a refreshed library space with new titles and a renewed excitement for reading. Finally, we are happy to welcome back **Mr. Aaron Bourassa** from his parental leave. We extend our sincere thanks to **Mrs. Ashton Buhr and Ms. Ellie Hart** (and myself) for our teamwork and flexibility in providing fitness and health lessons in the gymnasium during his absence.

With a full calendar and a dedicated team, February at Lucky Lake School is set to be a month of significant growth, leadership, and celebration.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jennifer Young

Semester 2 is Here!

As we cross the threshold into the second half of the school year, our students are celebrating significant academic milestones and diving into new, challenging units of study.

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to our senior students for successfully completing their midterms and finals. We commend every student for the hard work and the many hours of studying dedicated to these exams throughout the first semester. We wish you the very best of luck and continued success as you transition into your new semester classes.

In the lab, Ms. Chen's Science 9/10 class has been sparking interest with their recent unit on electricity. Students have been mastering the differences between parallel and series circuits, as well as learning to use essential tools such as switches, batteries, voltmeters, and ammeters. To put their theory into practice, the class worked collaboratively to design and construct their own functioning circuits- which sparked learning with *Snap Circuits* in K-8!

In the English department, the Grade 11/12 students in Mr. Beeson's class are shifting their focus to the *stage*. This month, they begin their study of William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. This marks the first Shakespearean play the group has tackled together this year. We look forward to seeing if this classic tragedy proves "to be or not to be" an enjoyable and profound learning experience for the senior class.

Attitude



Celebrating our student's attitude!

"To be able to look out at the world and see it not just as a place where you live, but as a place that you can understand, is the greatest gift of education."

— Roberta Bondar



A's of the Month

We are excited to recognize our A's of the Month winners and celebrate the positive attitudes and academic growth happening throughout our school!

Lydia Y. is being recognized for **Attitude**. Nominated by her teacher, Lydia consistently demonstrates a positive approach to her learning and puts strong effort into her SLT work. Her willingness to try, listen, and grow is a wonderful example for others.

Katrina P. is our **Academic** award recipient. Nominated by her teacher, Katrina has shown great improvement in her essay writing skills, working hard to strengthen her ideas, organization, and overall writing quality. Her dedication and persistence are paying off—well done, Katrina!

Ethan S. is being celebrated for **Attitude**. Nominated by his teacher, Ethan goes above and beyond to support others and contribute positively to our school community. During Reading Buddies, he helped Slater, recently did an excellent job co-regulating with Noah, willingly assisted with moving gym equipment, and continues to put strong effort into his SLT work. Ethan's kindness and leadership truly stand out.

Macey A. is our **Academic** award recipient from Kindergarten. Nominated by a family member, Macey is being recognized for consistently doing her best each day. Her enthusiasm for learning and effort in the classroom make her a joy to watch as she grows. Congratulations to all of our A's of the Month winners! We are proud of you and grateful for the positive impact you have on our school community.



The Great Prairie Race 2026

Throughout the month of February, classes and/or whole schools from across the prairie provinces (AB, SK, MB) are invited to get in motion and see how far they can move as a combined effort.

For example, participants can choose to walk, run, wheel, skate, snowshoe or cross-country ski. Each time they move, they keep track of their distance covered and add it up as a group.

In 2026, 33 schools participated and tallied their distances moved for a combined total of 36,411 kms as compared to 9,138 kms in 2025!

Sign up and invite another community to join the challenge! The more communities the better!

FOR INFO VISIT:
northernlightsmovementforkids.ca



Athleticism



Celebrating our student's athletic achievements!

"It is not the size of the dog in the fight, it is the size of the fight in the dog."

– Frederick Banting

Floor Hockey Fever: Intramurals

The energy in the gym was electric as our Grade 1-4 students took to the floor for hockey intramurals! The level of excitement was through the roof, with players and spectators alike bringing incredible spirit to every match. It all came down to a thrilling final showdown on Friday, January 23rd, where the **Red** and **Purple** house teams battled it out for the championship title. After a hard-fought game filled with great saves and fast breaks, **Team Purple** emerged as the ultimate winners!

Congratulations to all our young athletes for a fantastic season of sportsmanship and fun.

The Court is Calling

Badminton Season is Almost Here! Get your rackets ready! Both Junior and Senior badminton teams will begin at the end of February/beginning of March. We will be holding initial meetings soon to discuss practice schedules and season goals.

Curious but not sure if it's for you? Come to the meeting anyway! You're more than welcome to drop in on a practice to test the waters and see if you enjoy the game. Let's make this a season to remember!

The Table Mountain Ski Guide: Pre-Slope to Après-Ski

Planning a trip to Table Mountain is an absolute blast! Whether you're a Grade 7 first-timer or a Grade 12 veteran, here is how to maximize your mountain experience for Thursday, February 5, 2026!

Before the Trip: Gear Up

- **Packing Essentials:** Layering is key! Pack warm moisture-wicking clothes, your ski gear, and safety essentials like a helmet and goggles. Pro tip: Pack extra snacks and water for the bus ride.
- **Prep Your Body:** Skiing is a workout. To avoid "noodle legs" by noon, try some squats, lunges, or light jogging in the weeks leading up to the trip.
- **Know the Basics:** If it's your first time, watch a few "how-to" videos on stopping and turning. A little knowledge goes a long way in keeping you upright!

After the Trip: The "Après" Experience

- **Share the Highlights:** Don't let those photos sit in your camera roll. Create a shared album or a scrapbook to relive the best moments with your friends.
- **Keep the Momentum:** You've built up great leg strength on the slopes—keep it going! Stay active so you're ready for the next outdoor adventure.
- **Look Ahead:** The best way to beat the post-trip blues? Start scouting your next destination or planning next year's return to Table Mountain!

Art



Celebrating our student's artistic achievements!

"Keep drawing, keep painting, keep making things. And most of all, keep pretending."

– Mr. Dressup (Ernie Coombs)



The Ultimate Scholarship Timeline

While the common assumption is that students should wait until senior year to look for financial aid, successful applicants begin much earlier. The scholarship search is a multi-year strategy rather than a single event. If students wait for an acceptance letter, they likely missed deadlines for prestigious national awards, which often close in early autumn. To navigate this timeline, students should connect with Ms. Dansereau, Mrs. Richardson, or Ms. Young for help finding opportunities. Information is often shared through email, so senior students must check their inboxes regularly for crucial announcements.

In early secondary school, students should focus on building a competitive profile. Grades 9 and 10 are the ideal time to pursue leadership roles and volunteer work, as major scholarships prioritize community impact alongside academics. By Grade 11, students should identify entrance award criteria and gather references. This preparation ensures they are ready for the "Golden Zone" of Grade 12, where applications for national and local awards peak between October and March.

The search for funding continues once a student reaches campus. Current university students often overlook departmental awards that become available once a major is declared. These scholarships typically have smaller applicant pools and higher success rates. Furthermore, because financial circumstances can change, students should treat the search for bursaries as an annual task, checking for new opportunities every January to maximize their financial support throughout their entire degree.

Artistry in Every Stitch: Students Master Traditional Beading

Over the past few weeks, students in Grades 9–11 have swapped their pens and screens for needles and thread, immersing themselves in a hands-on **First Nations beaded keychain project**. This initiative invited students to explore the intricate world of Indigenous craftsmanship while developing a tangible connection to traditional artistry.

The Challenge of the Craft

The process is deceptively complex. Using delicate, vibrant seed beads, students are tasked with wrapping fabric cord in precise, uniform rows. The project demands a high level of **patience, focus, and fine motor dexterity**. Achieving a professional finish requires maintaining consistent tension; if the beads are too loose, the design shifts, but if they are too tight, the cord can bunch.

"Keeping the beads perfectly aligned around the cord is a true test of discipline," noted Ms. Heath. "It's a meditative yet rigorous process."

Perseverance and Community

Despite the steep learning curve, the classroom has transformed into a hub of resilience. Rather than being deterred by the "fiddly" nature of the work, students have shown remarkable **perseverance and pride**.

What has been most impressive, however, is the atmosphere of mutual support. The project has fostered a sense of community, with students frequently leaning on one another to troubleshoot tangles or celebrate a perfectly completed row. As Grade 10 student Kian shared, **"Beading with my friends made doing the beading project more enjoyable."**

More Than Just a Keychain

Beyond the physical product, this project serves as a gateway to understanding the cultural significance and historical weight of beading in First Nations communities. It has been a joy to watch students:

- **Honors Tradition:** Gaining an appreciation for the time-intensive nature of Indigenous handiwork.
- **Build Confidence:** Mastering a difficult new skill through trial and error.
- **Strengthen Bonds:** Encouraging their peers through the more challenging stages of the build.

As these colorful keychains reach completion, they stand as a testament to our students' dedication to learning, their respect for craftsmanship, and their commitment to supporting one another.



LUCKY LAKE SCHOOL



FEBRUARY SPIRIT WEEK

February 9 - 13

MONDAY

PJ DAY

Roll out of bed and come to school in your comfiest sleepwear. (School appropriate, please!)

TUESDAY

ANCIENT GREECE DAY

Channel your inner philosopher or goddess! Togas, tunics, and mythological figures welcome!

WEDNESDAY

OLYMPIC SPORTS DAY

Represent your favourite sport, athlete, or team! Bonus points if your inspiration comes from the Winter Games!

THURSDAY

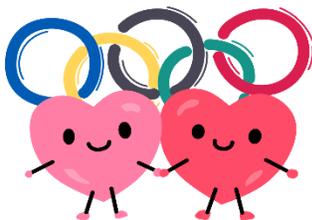
TWIN DAY

Find your friend and dress alike!

FRIDAY

TEAM CANADA/ VALENTINES DAY

Wear red and white for Team Canada, OR dress up in your fancy Valentine's Day attire.



Crush Grams are \$2 each
Sales are open Feb 2-6

I Love to Read Month:
Reading Olympics

Grade 7-12 Heart Game
February 13, 2026



FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Day 3 Groundhog Day Semester 2 Begins/ Senior Report Cards  Crush-Grams Sales Start Today! (\$2)	3 Day 4 (K) Drama @ noon K-8 Buddy Reading  Rider Readers Program: Player Ambassadors Staff Lunch ♡ from SCC	4 Day 5 D.E.A.R SBA Meeting in Rosetown	5 Day 6 (K) K-6 Winter Olympics @ 12:45pm OUTDOORS 7-12 Ski-Trip Table Mountain K-6 Pizza Pop Hot Lunch	6 Day 1 Haapalas' Hut is Open Winter Olympics Begin Crush- Grams Sales  End Today!	7
8	9 Day 2 (K) SLT Mtg @ noon Spirit Week: PJ Day D.E.A.R	10 Day 3 Spirit Week: Ancient Greece Day D.E.A.R Staff Lunch ♡ from SCC	11 Day 4 (K) Assembly @ 11 Drama @ noon Teaching Staff Mtg @ 3:45 Spirit Week: Olympic Sports Day K-8 Buddy Reading 	12 Day 5 Spirit Week: Twin Day Mystery Reader	13 Day 6 (K) K-8 Reading Olympics @ 12:45 Hot Dog Hot Lunch Haapalas' Hut is Open Spirit Week: Team Canada Day Senior Heart Game	14 Valentine's Day 
15 National Flag of Canada Day 	16 Family Day 	17 Lunar (Chinese) New Year/ Ramadan Begins (Sundown) 	18	19	20	21
Family Week: School Closed						
22 Last Day of Olympics 	23 Day 1 D.E.A.R	24 Day 2 (K) SLT Mtg @ noon D.E.A.R Staff Lunch ♡ from SCC	25 Day 3 Pink Shirt Day Pink Shirt Day Assembly @ 11 	26 Day 4 (K) Drama @ noon K-8 Buddy Reading	27 Day 5 Tele-Miracle Skate-a- thon @ 11 SCC Hot Lunch Haapalas' Hut is Open	28 

February is **I Love to Read Month!** This year's theme is **Reading Olympics**.

Each day, there will be a variety of activities in the school to encourage developing a love for literacy!
Check out the guest readers, reading challenges, and special reading activities.

