

# The Cawing Crow Chronicle

February 2026

Grateful to live, learn, and work in the  
homelands of the Ktunaxa People.



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## Upcoming

**February 12- Pyjama Day**

**February 13- Non-Instructional/ No school**

**February 16- BC Family Day/ No school**

**February 24- Winter Activity Day**

**February 25- Pink Shirt Day**

**February 26- Report Cards Published**

**February 27- Professional Development Day / No School**

# Parkland Information

## Get In Touch

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## Elders in Residence

Pheb Goulet  
Joan O'Neil  
Dorothy Ratch  
Mel Ratch  
Winnie Vitaliano



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## Indigenous Websites

### Communities:

[?aqam](#)  
[Tobacco Plains](#)  
[?akisqnuq](#)  
[Yaqaq Nukiy](#)

### Games:

[Indigenous Games for Children \(Youth\)](#)  
[Creative Spirits](#)

### Languages:

[First Voices](#)  
[First Voices Kids \(Ktunaxa Songs and Stories\)](#)  
[Michif](#)

### Museums:

[Glenbow Museum](#)  
[Museum of Anthropology](#)

# College of the Rockies Tour

## & Student for a Day.

Grade 9 students,

This year, I would like to take grade nine students on a tour of the College of the Rockies (COTR) to spend the day as a student.

Are you thinking of attending COTR after high school? To enroll in a program, take university transfer courses, or upgrade?

COTR is there to help you succeed.

*“At College of the Rockies we value the relationships we have built with our Indigenous partners, the Ktunaxa Nation, Shuswap Band and Kootenay Region Metis Association. We are proud to provide excellent programs and services and are committed to making Indigenous education a priority”*

*“Our Indigenous Education team consists of Student Mentors, Student Navigator, Indigenous Education Coordinator/Advisor, and Director of Indigenous Strategy and Reconciliation. We work closely with representatives from the Ktunaxa Nation Council Education and Employment Sector, as well as with the Métis Employment & Training Program. Our team is here to help make your college experience a success”*

**If you are interested, please choose your top 3 programs you are interested in on the short survey below, and return to Miss Marie.**

Thank you!

Marie Dawson

PMS Indigenous Education



## Grade 9 College of the Rockies Tour

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose three** programs and/or trades you are interested in learning more about.

Programs:

\_\_\_ Adventure Tourism Business Operations (Hunting guide, ATV tours, travel consultant)

\_\_\_ Environmental Science (Ecologist, wildlife biologist)

\_\_\_ Child, youth, and Family Studies (youth or family support worker)

\_\_\_ Education (teacher)

\_\_\_ Nursing (practical nursing, health care assistant)

\_\_\_ Criminal Justice (corrections, boarder services, probation)

\_\_\_ Dental (dental assistant)

\_\_\_ Fine Arts (painter, sculptor, graphic design)

\_\_\_ Kinesiology (occupational therapist, Physiotherapist, massage therapist)

\_\_\_ Culinary (chef)

\_\_\_ Hairstylist (cutting/dying/styling hair)

Trades:

\_\_\_ Welder

\_\_\_ Plumber

\_\_\_ Millwright

\_\_\_ Heavy Duty Mechanic

\_\_\_ Electrician

\_\_\_ Carpenter

\_\_\_ Automotive

**Please return to Miss Marie**



## WINTER ACTIVITY DAY

On January 20<sup>th</sup> Winter Activity Day Elder and Knowledge Holder, Pheb Goulet, taught dot painting on paddles. It was a fun and relaxing activity that everyone enjoyed.



February 24<sup>th</sup> Winter Activity Day will be Lanyard and key Chain Beeding with Elders and Knowledge Holders Winnie Vitaliano & Pheb Goulet.



# JIGGING CLUB

Jigging Club will continue most Tuesdays at T.M Roberts 12:15 to 12:55 pm.  
If you are interested in signing up, please see Miss Marie in the Gathering Place.

Two spots available.



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## JIGGING CLUB *PRACTICE*

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INDIGENOUS STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN  
AMY CROSS AND THE T.M. ROBERTS JIGGING CLUB  
FOR DROP-IN PRACTICE!

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**TUESDAYS**  
**12:15**

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**WEEKLY FEB 3<sup>RD</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup>**

T.M. ROBERTS SCHOOL GYM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MS. ALEXIS  
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# Why You Should Feed Backyard Birds in Winter

## Why is winter backyard bird feeding so important?

- Natural seed sources are depleted in winter
- Extra feeding helps them prepare for spring mating
- Food types are limited, and birds need extra calories

<https://www.kaytee.com/learn-care/wild-bird/5-reasons-to-feed-backyard-birds-in-winter>

## The Do's and Don'ts of Winter Bird Feeding

- **Use tube feeders:** These feeders are best for black oil sunflower, mixed seed, safflower seed, or peanuts, which attract chickadees, titmice, nuthatches, goldfinches, siskins, purple and house finches.
- **Use hopper feeders:** *These feeders are best for safflower and sunflower seeds or cracked corn and, which attract all the species that visit tube feeders plus larger birds like Cardinals, jays, grackles, and Red-winged Blackbirds.*
- **Use suet feeders:** Suet attracts woodpeckers, titmice, nuthatches, chickadees as well as the occasional wren, creeper, and warbler.
- **Don't place seed directly on the ground or use platform feeders,** which tend to attract deer and other unwanted guests. Mess-free birdseed options are available to purchase at stores, which can help keep the ground clean.

It's also incredibly important to provide water to birds during the winter, especially when there is no snow. Use a sturdy birdbath that can withstand freezing and place it in a sunny area, so it remains visible to birds and stands a better chance at remaining liquid.

**For cleaning your bird bath visit:** <https://gl.audubon.org/news/dos-and-don%E2%80%99ts-winter-bird-feeding>



# ART FRIDAYS



The goal is to provide students with a fun, easy activity which typically can be completed within the lunch hour. This is a time for making friends, skill building, and a sense of accomplishment to foster a positive self view.

On January 9<sup>th</sup> students made suet bird feeders out of pinecones for our fine feathered friends.



# Ktunaxa Nation Council

visit us at:  
[www.ktunaxa.org](http://www.ktunaxa.org)

 **KTUNAXA  
NATION**

# Open House

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

10-12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m.

220 Cranbrook St. N.

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- Open to all
- Building tours
- Refreshments provided

Learn about the  
sectors of the KNC  
and their roles.



**KTUNAXA  
NATION**



Ktunaxa Kinbasket  
Child & Family  
Service Society

A graphic of a pink t-shirt with white trim on the collar and sleeves, serving as a background for the main title.

**PINK SHIRT DAY**

**Be  
kind.**

A small, stylized pink t-shirt icon with a black dot for a head, positioned below the word 'kind'.

**PiNK SHiRT DAY** 20  
**FEB 25** 26



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN**  
MÉTIS ASSOCIATION



Rocky Mountain Métis Community  
Kitchen Party Potluck

# POTLUCK *Dinner*

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE  
WE WILL HAVE  
YOUTH JIGGING GROUP  
KIDS ART TABLE  
DOOR PRIZES



**SATURDAY MARCH 7TH**

@ 6:00 PM IN THE

ROYAL ALEXANDREA HALL

@ THE CRANBROOK TRAIN MUSEUM

For More Information Please call

250-489-8960





# EAGLE CAM

We have been watching the live stream of Jackie and Shadow daily. They are so entertaining to watch and sometimes they even get visitors. On this day, they got an unexpected, uninvited, and seemingly unwelcome guest of a Golden Eagle. Jackie and Shadow left for a bit to give this massive intruder some space. When Jackie returned, I noticed she was sitting on an egg. Jackie and Shadow are going to be parents! I can't wait to see this fuzzy chick emerge from its shell. Will it be a boy or a girl? What will its name be? We will watch in anticipation! 😊



Now there's two eggs!





Crows are some of the smartest birds on Earth. They recognize faces, form strong bonds, and remember the people who show them kindness. Behind those curious black eyes is a mind that learns, solves problems, and communicates in ways scientists are still discovering. They're not just birds, they're little guardians of the wild.

