

## **Mountviews**

## MAY 2025

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## Principal's Message

Hello and Welcome to May 2025! As we head into spring (hopefully), it is a welcomed time alongside our upcoming warmer temperatures...splash pants, rubber boots, and helmets will soon be needed!

Please join us in celebrating the following groups who have supported Mountview Elementary School this school year. Many groups are involved in our school, and each group's goal is to help provide our students with the best educational opportunities. I would like to take a moment to highlight some of the groups that have made our year an amazing one!

**Mountview School Council:** This dedicated group of parent volunteers support student activities, provide input to school policies, and supports events throughout the year. This year, the School Council hosted the Christmas Craft Market in December, and it was a HUGE success whereby students could choose a gift or two for a family member. Notably, every month, our amazing parent volunteers assist with hot lunches and the famous HOT DOG lunches! To date, the School Council has purchased new items for the Physical Education Program, the Music Program and provided classroom consumables for our teachers (such as stickers/items for students in the classroom). School-wide this year, the School Council will support Field Trips, purchases for the Skating Program, and Kindergarten/Pre-Kindergarten celebrations. Notably, this team of volunteers works endlessly to help raise subsidy funds for the Grade Five Camp as well.

As we head into the next school year, 2025-2026, we hope that you, too, might consider coming to meet a time or two, and hear about all of the wonderful things they celebrate and make happen for the students at Mountview School. If you are a new family to Mountview, please try to find a time to pop out to at least one of the meetings next year - we would love to see you, and it is a wonderful way to meet other parents and families at Mountview!

**Mustard Seed:** We are incredibly grateful to be included in the world of the **Mustard Seed** who assist our school and schools across the city with daily lunches. Access to healthy, nutritious lunches is an important building block in brain development, health, and learning. It is hard to learn when you are hungry and these folks make a tremendous difference to so many lives.

**Red Deer Child Care Program:** Huge thanks to Red Deer Child Care, who have continued to be a part of our school year, supporting our families with after-school care activities for students. We look forward to our continued partnership at Mountview School.

**Salvation Army Backpack Program:** We deeply appreciate this group of caring people who deliver weekly backpack food items for several students. Nutrition is an important part of growing and learning.

**Please join us in celebrating everyone who helps make Mountview Elementary School a great place to be!** We are grateful for all of the wonderful opportunities that **make a difference** in the lives of our young hearts! We too, are thankful to work collaboratively with you and are here to help. If you need to contact us, or set up a time to meet, please call the school at 403-346-5765.

Sincerely, Kim Walker, Principal

## **Education Week 2025 at Mountview**

Mountview celebrated Education Week 2025 with a variety of school-wide activities designed to support and showcase our community's commitment to literacy, numeracy, mental health, and well-being. It was a fantastic week filled with engaging events across all classrooms!

Monday, April 14 - Jr. Yetis School Spirit Day: Favorite Book Character Day Students and staff embraced their favorite book characters, filling the school with curiosity and joy!

## Tuesday, April 15 - Numeracy Games Day and School Open House

Teachers utilized new mathematical manipulatives and games to enhance learning experiences. We are excited to announce the addition of new Math Manipulatives for each grade level! Our Open House welcomed 36 family members, with special guests Mrs. Nicole Buchanan, RDPS Trustee, and Mr. Morris Flewwelling from the Red Deer Public Foundation, who shared insights and complemented our school on being student-focused.

Huge thanks to our School Council Volunteers who also made popcorn bags for our special guests and families who visited our open house.

Wednesday, April 16 - Mountview's Spring Concert Series: Division 1 and Division 2 This year's Spring Concert was a resounding success, drawing a full gymnasium of guests and families. Each class performed, filling the space with joy and leaving guests humming the melodies as they departed. There was a 'little pep in our steps' as we left the gym!

## Thursday, April 17 - Attitude of Gratitude

We focused on appreciating those around us, highlighted by a beautiful School-Wide Assembly hosted by classes 1S and 2/3R. We took a moment this week to recognize our dedicated caretaking staff, Mr. Drinkwalter and Mrs. Spring, who work tirelessly to keep our school clean and ready for learning every day!

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this Education Week a memorable experience!



Guiding Students
Through The
Journey Of
Learning And Life

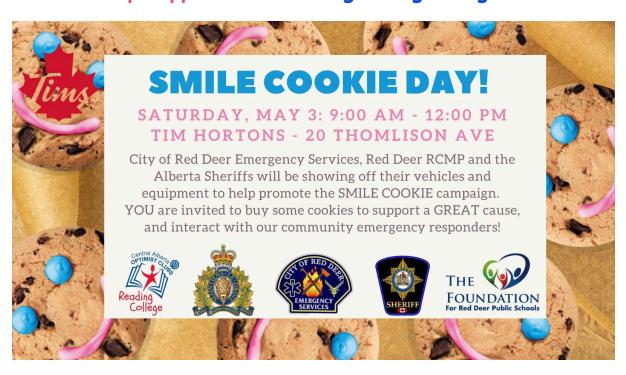
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Wednesday, May 7th - Hats on For Mental Health! Wear your favourite hat to bring awareness to the importance of mental health and well-being! This is a new date, across Alberta this year!



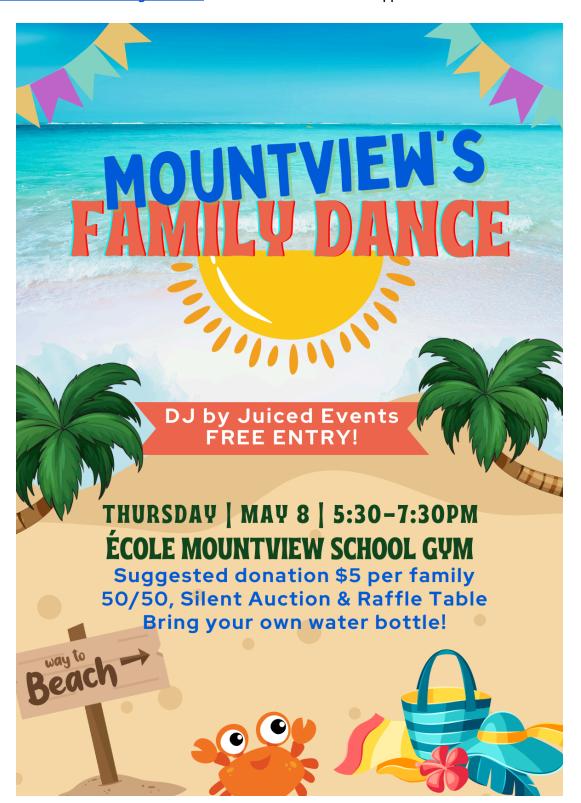


## Help support the Reading College Program!



The Parent Council is proud to host our 2nd annual spring Family School Dance! Please join us on Thursday, May 8th, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Entry is FREE, suggested donation is \$5 per family; Please bring your water bottles! "Juiced Entertainment" will be providing DJ services once again! There will also be a silent auction table and a 50/50 draw! This is a CASH ONLY event and all students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you would like to donate to the silent auction, please reach out to the Parent Council at parentsformountview@gmail.com. Cash donations are also appreciated!!



# How to Encourage Your



Many parents don't realize what their kids can do. Give them tasks they can handle for their age. It helps them be independent and successful later on. Here's how to help your child grow:

#### START EARLY:

Have your child help with easy chores like tidying up toys or setting the table to teach them responsibility early.

## Example:

invite your toddler to help you sort laundry by color.

#### EMBRACE MESSINESS:

Let your child try new things, even if it means messes or mistakes. See this as a chance for them to learn.

## Example:

Bake cookies with your child, even if it gets messy and the cookies aren't perfect.

### BE PATIENT AND SUPPORTIVE:

Tasks may take longer for your child, so be patient and encourage them, reminding them that mistakes are okay and they can try again.

## Example:

Let your child learn to tie shoes without doing it for them, even if it takes time.

#### ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE:

Let your child tackle challenging tasks, even if they're not perfect. It builds confidence and independence.

## Example:

Let your child pick their outfit, even if it's a superhero costume for a trip to the store.

## START SMALL:

Start with simple tasks, then increase responsibility as your child grows. It builds skills and confidence over time.

### Example:

Ask your child to be in charge of feeding the family pet.

By taking a step back and allowing your child to take on more responsibility, you're helping them develop important life skills and building their confidence to become independent adults.

So take a breath, be patient, and give your child the freedom to try, fail, and succeed on their own terms.





## Mrs. Squire's At Home Literacy Tip for May - The Public Library

Our Red Deer Public library is Amazing! I want to share some information with you about reading and activities that take place at the library!

Here is the link for information about how to get a free membership. https://rdpl.org/membership/

All of the currently planned programming under Programs & Events in the menu at the top of the website, <a href="rdpl.org">rdpl.org</a>. Here you will find information about drop in storytimes, kids clubs (including a Lego club, a Pokemon club, a chess club), the summer reading program, and Summer camps.

They also have a quarterly magazine, both physical and digital, called the Link that contains information on all the events at the library for a 3 month period. They can be found at <a href="rdpl.org">rdpl.org</a> under Programs & Events in the menu banner at the top of the page and at all of our locations.

I hope you will go and check it out! There is something for everyone!



## May Healthy Habits Challenge

This month our focus is on the S, Screens for 2 hours or less. Check out the infographics. One is full of "HeartSmart Quickies to Break up Screentime" and this article is worth a read: How to talk to your kids about marketing.

A goal by the end of the school year, students will do all 4 EASY Healthy Habits daily.

Remember this acronym.

- E Eat fruits and vegetables daily
- A Active for one hour or more
- **S** Screens for less than 2 hours a day
- **Y** Yes to water, no to sugary drinks



## ATTENDANCE

If your child will be absent or late, you can use this <u>link</u> to report it, or call 403-346-5765. This link is also found on our <u>Website's Home Page</u> - Absentee messages are checked between 8:00am - 9:00am and 1:00pm - 1:15pm each weekdays.

## **HELMETS FOR WHEELS**

With the arrival of Spring, please note: Mountview School has a rule that any students riding a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, or wearing rollerblades MUST wear a helmet. Thank you for keeping our children safe.

## <u>KINDERGARTEN</u>

Registration for Kindergarten 2025-26 is open and available <u>online</u>. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact our Student Records Secretary, Brenda Halford at 403-346-5765 or email <u>brenda.halford@rdpsdp.ab.ca</u>

We will support you on the computer should a device not be available or tricky to use at home.



Pre-Kindergarten Registration is now open at Mountview! Call 403-342-3703 for more info. Or click this <u>link</u> for more information.

## ART GALLERY

Let's take time this month to celebrate our ART GALLERY projects currently posted around the school. SPRING is in the AIR and young ARTISTS live here! BRAVO, Yetis!









## Mountview School Council Meeting

The next School Council Meeting will be held on May 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Our Teacher Feature this month is Mrs. Krystina Clark, our Physical Education

Specialist at Mountview!

The final Parent Council Meeting of the school year will be June 18 at 6:00 pm.

ALL parents are welcome to attend this in-person meeting!

\* If you have any questions for School Council, please email 
parentsformountview@gmail.com

This will be our final meeting of the year, it is considered our annual General Meeting - please drop in if you can!



## PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Our Yeti Paw winners for April will enjoy a Pizza lunch with the Principal on May 12! We are excited to see who Netty the Yeti selects this upcoming month! Ivan 1S, Hailey 1M, Solomon 1/2LS, Kai 1/2/Lap, Iven 2M, Kail 2/3R, Capri 3B, Sawyer 3/4DC, Talia 3/4AM, Jordan 3HO, Claire 4SH, Morgan 4/5K, Taleigha 4/5R, Freddy 5W

# Bravo to these Yetis who completed a BOOK Recommendation this past month!

Hafsa in 3/4AM, Conall in 3/4AM, Ayesha in 3HO, Cassian in 1/2 LS, Akilah in 1/2 LS, Chloe in 4/5 K Jacob in 4/5K, CJ in 3 H/O, Everett in 1M, Caleb in 2/3R, Mersana in 2/3R, Ethan in 2 Mac, Fisher P 4/5R, Calleigh-Rae 4/5R, Chole Oler 4/5 R, Mason M 4/5R Sawyer S 4/5R, Bennett in 1M, Brielle V in 1S, Iven in 2 Mac, Gracie in 2 Mac, Makenna in 1S, Elliot 5W, Tenley 5W, Elsa in 1M, Ava in 1M, Jase in 1S, Kasen 3/4DC, Abby 3/4DC, Sawyer 3/4DC, Brando 3/4DC, Addie 3HO, Hayden 3HO, Jemma 3/4DC





## Pick up your Growing Smiles Plants and Baskets

on Tuesday, May 13 from 2:30pm - 5:30pm! They will be available for pickup at the skate shack behind the school in the southeast corner of the field.

## Aloha Hula School Fun Run will be on Friday, May 9!



What: Aloha School Fun Run/Walk promoted by Move Your Mood

and SPARC

When: Friday, May 9, 2025 at 2:00pm

Where: The North Field

Who: All students & Staff at MV - Parents and siblings are welcome

to join also.

Why: Encourages the community to run/walk because being active

can enhance your overall mental health.

## LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT - From Mrs. Bax, Vice Principal

Mountview students and staff will participate in the Green Deer Spring Clean-Up Campaign, Thursday, May 1st or May 2nd, weather permitting. Each class has been given a specific location in and around our school to help pick up litter. Students and staff will be given gloves from the school, and we encourage everyone to wear closed-toed shoes these days. Students will receive an orientation presentation discussing Green Deer safety and litter cleanup procedures in their classroom before heading outside. You can check out the following website to learn more about Green Deer: www.reddeer.ca/greendeer

All Red Deerians are encouraged to do their part to keep our city clean and green by joining in! The more people that participate, the more litter we can clean up throughout Red Deer. It's easy and rewarding for the public to join the *Green Deer Spring Cleanup Campaign!* 

Register online <u>HERE</u>.







Thursday, May 1 - Green Deer Spring Cleanup

Friday, May 2 - Spring Photo Day & Kindergarten Graduation

Photo Day

Tuesday, May 6 - Hot Lunch Panago (Order by May 1)

Wednesday, May 7 - Spirit Day - Hats on for Mental Health

Thursday, May 8 - Mountview Family Dance (5:30 - 7:30pm)

Friday, May 9 - Hula Run - School Wide Fun Run!

Tuesday, May 13 - Hot Lunch Pita Pit(Order by May 8)

Wednesday, May 14 - School Council Meeting (6 pm)

Thursday, May 15 - Grow Kids (Grade 5)

Friday, May 16 - Staff Learning Day - No School

Monday, May 19 - Victoria Day - No School

Tuesday, May 20 - Hot Dog Lunch (Order by May 15)

- 3/4DC, 3HO Kerry Wood Nature Centre

Field Trip (9am)

Wednesday, May 21 - Markerville Field Trip 1/2 LS, 2Mac, 3B, 3/4 AM

Thursday, May 22 - Friday, May 23 - Grade 5 Camp

Friday, May 23 - 45H & Gr 4's in 3/4AM Kerry Wood Nature

Centre Field Trip (11:15am)

Monday, May 26 - Gr 2-4 Swim Program begins(May 26 - June 23)

Tuesday, May 27 - Hot Lunch Subway (Order by May 22)

- MV Assembly (10:15 am)

Wednesday, May 28 - HHHS Handball Tournament

Friday, May 30 - Spirit Day, Creative Hair Day

## A Look Ahead...







Monday, June 2 - Friday, June 6 - Pound It - HIP HOP Dance Residency

Monday, June 2 - Gr 2-4 Swim Program

Tuesday, June 3 - Hot Lunch Taco Time (Order by: May 29)

Monday, June 9 - Gr 2-4 Swim Program

Tuesday, June 10 - Hot Lunch Pancakes (Order by: June 5)

Thursday, June 12 - Spirit Day - Superhero/Favourite Movie

Character Day (Dress up)

Friday, June 13 - No School - Staff Learning Day

Monday, June 16 - Gr 2-4 Swim Program

Tuesday, June 17 - Last Hot Lunch McDonald's (Order by: June 12)

- 45H, 4/5K, 4/5R & 5W Kerry Wood Nature

Centre Field Trip

Wednesday, June 18 - Last School Council Meeting (6:00pm)

Thursday, June 19 - Gr 6 Orientations(PM)

Friday, June 20 - Spirit Day - Field Day - Wear Red & Whitel

Monday, June 23 - Last Gr 2-4 Swim Program Session

- Gr 5 Airband/Talent Show

Tuesday, June 24 - Gr 3-5 Year End Swim

Wednesday, June 25 - Gr 5 Farewell (10:30 am)

Thursday, June 26 - Kindergarten Celebration (10:30am)

- Last Day for Students

- Early Dismissal 1hr (1:50pm)

- No Pre-K Classes

- Report Cards Issued online

Friday, June 27 - School Organizational Day (Staff & Teachers only)

## **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

Here is this month's **Red Deer Native Friendship Society Newsletter.** 

Here is the <u>Red Deer Family Resource Network Calendar</u>. The Red Deer Family Resource Network offers programs geared towards early childhood development, child and youth development, parent education, family support, and home visitation.

**The Royal City Soccer Club** is offering summer day camps designed to promote a healthy and active lifestyle while fostering personal development, teamwork, leadership, and other essential life skills for children aged 5 to 13. If you are interested, click this **LINK** for more information.

The **Kerry Wood Nature Centre** is offering Mini Day **School Break Camps** running for the remainder of the 24/25 school year. Click **Here** for more details.

Recovery Alberta is offering a two part virtual workshop for anyone within Alberta who works with women who may be using substances, with a focus on women of childbearing years. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information.

RDP is excited to be offering Summer Camps again this year for ages 8 to 18.



# 2025 SUMMER SPORTS CAMP AT LINDSAY THURBER COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

## 20th Annual Lindsay Thurber Summer Basketball Camp

## \*\*\*\*\*PLEASE REGISTER FOR THESE CAMPS BY GOING ON THE LINDSAY THURBER WEB SITE

(lindsay thurber.rdpsd.ab.ca)

- Go to STUDENTS
- Click ATHLETICS
- Proceed to SPORTS CAMPS
- RDPSD: register using Powerschool Parent Login
- Non RDPSD: Use Guest Login

## **REGISTRATION OPENS THURSDAY MAY 1, 2025**

## **Camp Objectives:**

Develop and improve your basketball skills and techniques. This camp will be run by Lindsay Thurber Basketball coaching staff and players as well as other basketball coaches from the Central Alberta area. All campers will receive a camp t-shirt.

## Monday June 30 - Friday July 4, 2025

## Grades 1-2

• 9:30 - 11:30 am

Cost: \$60.00

## Grades 3-9

• Grades 3, 4 & 5 - 9:00 am - noon

• Grades 6 & 7 -1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

• Grades 8 & 9 -1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$75.00



## 17th Annual Safe Harbour Society Community Feast will take place May 28 - 31st!

This is a family event and all people are welcome to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to become involved in reconciliation, build relationships, and connect with the Indigenous community.



## Join the 5th Annual Rotary Branches Out - Tree Planting Day!

When: Saturday, May 31 at 10.00 am -12.00 pm

Where: McKenzie Trails main parking lot (look for the Rotary Banner) What: Planting 16" white spruce saplings (last year we planted 1400)

Meet at 9.45am at the main parking lot. The City is bringing 100 spades for us to use and Weyerhaeuser is donating 16" saplings for us to plant. *Pizza and pop for the kids at noon!* 



**Red Deer Child Care** offers before and after school care at Mountview School! You can reach out to Reyna at <a href="mailto:reyna@reddeerchildcare.ca">reyna@reddeerchildcare.ca</a> or call 403-347-7973 Ext 113 for more information.





Did you know that Red Deer Child Care offers quality before and after school care for your child right here at this school?

The program is subsidy eligible and the fee includes care on PD Days as well as Winter and Spring Breaks. Provincial subsidy is available to qualifying families. Care is available at no extra charge on PD days, there is a holiday program available at Christmas and Summer at an additional charge.

For more information contact Reyna at:

403 347 7973 x113

revna@reddeerchildcare.ca

Check our website for more information at:

https://reddeerchildcare.ca/

Red Deer Child Care Society is a Not for Profit organization that has been serving Red Deer and area families since 1970

### We Offer:

Before and After School Care

Care on PD Days as well as Winter and Spring Breaks is

included in monthly fees but spaces are limited.

The program runs from 6:45am to the bell and again after school until 6:00pm

Summer Programs are offered in July and August but spaces are limited at an extra charge.

Red Deer Child
Care Society
100, 6700 76th Street
Red Deer, AB
T4P 4G6
Contact
403 347 7973

## **ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH NEWS**

Here is the May 2025 edition of the Recovery Alberta Mental Health & Addiction Parent Newsletter, highlighting **Move Your Mood** healthy lifestyle practices that improve mental and physical well-being and enhance connection to others.

The themes include:

- Move Your Body
- Fuel Your Body
- Practice Mindfulness

Expand Your Mind

1-877-303-2642

Build Assets

#### Mental Health & Addiction News May 2025 In honour of Mental Health Week, May 5-11, we are highlighting Move Your Mood healthy lifestyle practices that improve mental and physical well-being and enhance connections to others. Fueling your body with a variety of food and water provides the energy your body needs to grow, learn and Moving your body every day improves play. A balanced diet can improve Strengthening your brain involves your mood, focus and emotional your mental and physical well-being. understanding your emotions, well-being. Sharing meals with Regular movement can lift your thoughts, and actions. It also means others can strengthen connections learning skills and ways to help you mood, energy, and as well. self-esteem. It also helps reduce with difficult times. When you do things that stimulate your brain, it stress, anxiety and depression. Being Choose foods that make you feel active can help you focus and be releases your best, and aim for a balanced creative. Plus, it's a great way to feel-good chemicals. connect with others. The key is to diet with plenty of vegetables. fruits, protein, and whole grains. make movement fun by finding Take a moment to turn up the music activities you enjoy. and dance, share a good laugh, read Get outside, go for a walk, ride your a book or get creative! bike or visit a local park. Practicing Mindfulness is being Developmental Assets are building present in the moment, without blocks to help kids grow up healthy, distractions or judgment. Practicing it caring and responsible. Just like a can help reduce stress and anxiety. superhero has gadgets to solve improve focus, creativity, and problems, these assets help kids Interested in more ideas? self-esteem. Being mindful helps handle life's challenges and make with decision-making and emotional good choices. Visit: well-being. CMHA Mental Health Week Help in Tough Times Help kids build assets by showing Try practicing by tuning into your Move Your Mood Website kindness, helping others, setting surroundings through your 5 senses. goals and connecting to Follow us on social media @ Look around you, what do you see, caring adults. Move Your Mood Alberta hear, smell, taste, feel? Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area: 1-866-332-2322 Health Link Recovery Alberta MyHealth.Alberta.ca



## **NEWALK-RUN!**

**JUNE 14, 2025** 11:30AM - 4:30PM **GARY W. HARRIS GAMES CENTRE** 



FREE REGISTRATION FOR EVERYONE!



LACE UP YOUR SNEAKERS AND JOIN US FOR A DAY OF MOVEMENT AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION TO KICK OFF THIS YEAR'S JUNE PARTICIPACTION CHALLENGE!

## **EVENT DETAILS:**



**CHOOSE YOUR DISTANCE** 1KM, 3KM, OR 5KM



**BBQ WITH DONATIONS IN SUPPORT** OF THE MOVE YOUR MOOD STUDIO



**FREE REGISTRATION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS** 



**PASSPORT TO WELLNESS,** PRIZES & MORE!

#### PRIZES!



\$150 SPORT CHEK GIFTCARDS FOR EACH DISTANCE CATEGORY \$50 COOP CARD FOR EARLY REGISTRATION COMMUNITY DRAW PRIZES FOR THE PASSPORT TO WELLNESS

## CHALLENGE:

HELP RED DEER WIN THE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE SIGN UP TODAY!





## **REGISTRATION:**

**REGISTER BEFORE MAY 23TH AND YOU** WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$50 CO-OP GIFT CARD! TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER VISIT:





#### THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS:







