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FREE School**

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Newsletter December

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Month at OP

(Please check our [school website](#) for updated
[Calendar of events](#))

Wednesday, November 30

- Parent-Teacher interviews open in
[Schoolinterviews.ca](#) for booking times

Friday, December 2

- **OP Food Hamper deadline for donations**

Wednesday, December 7

- Parent-Teacher interviews 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 8

- Parent-Teacher interviews 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- No School for Students

Friday, December 9

- Staff Learning Day-No school for students

Wednesday, December 14

- OP Winter Concert & Winter Walk
 - Kindergarten Concert: 4:00 - 4:30 pm
 - Grade 1 - 5 & Choir Concert: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 15

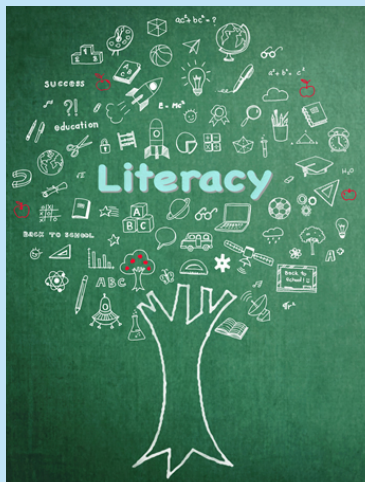
- Hot Lunch Day-Preorder through [Healthy Hunger](#)
- (Today is: Pizza Boxx)

Thursday, December 22

- Christmas Themed Day - wear an "ugly Christmas Sweater" or a Santa Hat or Red & Green - or anything festive!

Friday, December 23

- 2:25 Dismissal (One hour early)
- PJ Day!!! Wear your warm & comfy PJ's today!



Well, December arrived with a bit of an attitude! :) As the cold weather and Arctic air descends upon us, please double check your child has good winter gear to wear outside. Our threshold to go outside is around minus 20-22 and we go out AT LEAST three times per day (3 recesses and possibly for Phys Ed class too) - weather permitting. Children need fresh air and exercise to recharge their brain and bodies and it is vital that they have warm layers for the winter weather. We keep a stash of toques and gloves on hand in the office if someone needs to borrow for a recess or PE class!

Our OP Food Drive is wrapping up in the next few days - then the staff organizes the food into hamper boxes so our CLW can deliver to our own OP Families in need. If you are able to help out, please send in your non-perishable food item and/or a toonie to help purchase a ham or turkey for the hamper. Together we can make a difference for those in need.

January (weather permitting) will bring the start of our skating unit as the City of Red Deer prepares the ice surface. [We will be seeking volunteers](#) to help tie skates throughout the day and if you're out and about shopping for Christmas presents, consider a pair of skates for your child (ones that they can manage tying/doing up on their own). Try those skates on over the Christmas holidays to ensure they fit before our skating unit begins!

From our OP Family to yours - have a most wonderful, relaxing, and family-filled holiday season. Enjoy all the beauty and magic of the winter season reading and playing with your children! #timetogether

Parent Teacher Interviews

Once again we will be hosting Parent-Teacher interviews by your choice of in-person, Google Meet or phone call. Google Meets provide the opportunity for parents from multiple households, or parents who are away at work to join in on the conversation.

Interview bookings will open up on Wednesday, November 30 at 1:00 pm

Click schoolinterviews.ca

Type in Code: **6c5um**

At that time, you can book an interview with your child's homeroom teacher, their Phys Ed/ Music Teacher (Mrs. Terrenzio) or Admin (Mrs. Irvine or Mme Ruest). Ms Carla (CLW/Counsellor) will also be available for booking (although her times do not extend into the evening).

Interviews will be held on:

Wednesday December 7: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Thursday December 8: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Interviews are 15 minutes long.

Digital Report Cards

Oriole Park went environmentally friendly and digital with report cards more than 2 years ago! Every reporting period, you can view your child's current progress and comments online through your PowerSchool Mobile App or web browser at your convenience. If you need help with setting up your Power School mobile app - [here are the instructions](#) - or [here is a link to video instructions](#) - or call Jacki in the OP Office for assistance. When you log onto PowerSchool, find and click on the "Navigation" arrow (top left) and click on RDP Reports. You will find the current term Report Card for your child under that menu. Click on the report card and review it - then [make an appointment time](#) during Parent-Teacher Interviews to discuss progress with your child's teacher.

Food Drive - Christmas Hampers

We are in the final days of our Food Hamper Drive for our OP families in need. We will also have a toonie donation for those that are able to help purchase turkeys or hams for families to have a warm Christmas meal with their family. See below for items we will collect. Also, if you have new or gently used toys, we will also collect on behalf of the Red Deer Christmas Bureau. Please recycle toys if your children have outgrown them.

These are the items the student(s) had to choose from - FYI (in case you'd rather donate something different)

1 Bag Oatmeal 2 cans Tuna 2 Boxes Kraft Dinner 1 Jar Peanut Butter 2 X 1-Litre Tetra Box Apple Juice 2 boxes Stuffing Mix 1 bag of popcorn 1 bag or box of spaghetti 1 jug Pancake Syrup	1 Box Honey Nut Cheerios 2 cans Flaked Chicken 1 Jar Jam 2 cans fruit (pears // peaches) 2 X 1-Litre Tetra Box Orange Juice 2 cans Corn 1 Box of Granola Bars 2 jars of Pasta Sauce 1 jug Oil	1 Box Shreddies 2 cans soup 2 Bags Macaroni 2 Cans Brown Beans 2 X 1-Litre Tetra Box Almond Milk 1 Box Instant Mashed Potatoes 1 box of Crackers 1 box Pancake mix
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OP WINTER CONCERT & WINTER WALK

Please join us for an evening of singing and family fun

Our OP Winter Concert will also combine a little of our Winter Walk we did last year. Teachers will decorate classroom windows with student art work that aligns with the song(s) the homeroom will sing. Enjoy a walk around the school before the concert. The Winter Concert will be held:

Wednesday, December 14

Kindergarten Concert: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Grade 1 - 5 & OP Choir Concert: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Please bring a toonie donation if you are able to support our Christmas Hamper program



Community Donation - Wild Rose Harmonizers

On November 29, we were honored by a community choir group: the Wild Rose Harmonizers - who, due to Covid-19 considerations have unfortunately had to shut down their group. As a result of this, they had some extra money in their organization & they graciously agreed to donate to a couple schools. OP School was one of the lucky recipients. Mr. David Crozier-Smith & Mr. Mike Robertson came to our Group Health Assembly on Nov 29 and presented a \$1000 cheque to Mrs. Terrenzio, Music & PE Teacher, who will purchase some much needed drums for our music program.

We are so very grateful to the Wild Rose Harmonizers group for this amazing donation!



Thank You!





OP School & School Council Fundraisers

Purdy's Chocolates

This fundraiser was such a success last year, School Council is running it again! Please [visit this link](https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/836725-97576) (<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/836725-97576>)

Order deadline: November 29, 2022

Delivery & Pick up by: December 15, 2022

Fundraising Goal: \$2,500

Questions: Contact: Nicole L - [email](#)



[Creative Concrete](#) - OP Outdoor Garden Fundraiser

Give the gift that lasts - concrete planter pots &/or candles. Support our [Outdoor Garden](#) with your purchases! [This fundraiser](#) is being organized by OP School in lieu of the donated time and materials that [Creative Concrete](#) contributed to our Medicine Wheel Circle in our Outdoor Garden area.



Order and pay ONLINE at:

healthyhunger.ca

Log in or create a new account and order for your child for the entire year! Lunches are delivered and ready on the scheduled date!

Thank you - TD Bank Group

The Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) sent our school a donation of books - one for EVERY student in Grade 1 - with the sponsorship of the TD Bank Group. This year's book called "Fast Friends" written by Heather M O'Connor features Suze - a nonverbal student - who is introduced to high-energy Tyson - who befriends Suze as they have more in common than anyone thought. It is a beautifully illustrated book (by Claudia Davila) and we are grateful to the TD Bank Group & CCBC for their donation.



BrightSpace for Parents

RDPSD is rolling out Brightspace for Parent and Guardians! [Here](#) is the parent guide that shows:

- How parents and guardians may log in using a web browser or the Brightspace for Parent and Guardian app.
- How to enable (or stop) weekly email summaries for their children.
- A brief overview of the tools available for parents and guardians.



brightspace
by D2L

Please note that parents will need to input their PowerSchool parent portal username to log into Brightspace. If a parent is not added to their family's PowerSchool portal they will need to be added before they may start the Brightspace process. Schools are

JUST beginning to use BrightSpace as a communication tool so be patient as staff learns this new tool as well. As your student(s) travel through the grades in RDPSD, they will access the features within the BrightSpace Learning Management System more and more. When a parent logs in, they will have access to all of their children regardless of the school they attend. This will be another great communication tool for schools and parents. Please contact the school if you have any questions about BrightSpace.

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and found will be on display during Parent Teacher interviews. Please come by and claim any items that belong to your children.

If you happen to have any gently used winter items your child/children have outgrown, consider donating them to our school for children who are in need. Thank you so much!

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERIES

All classes will be making and delivering Christmas cards to our Oriole Park neighbors. This is a yearly activity that we do to teach kindness and community respect. In order for students to participate, their **Walking Field Trip form must be completed**. You can do this through your Parent PowerSchool account under School Fees/Rycor Forms on the left hand side. Call the office for more information or if you need assistance filling it out

PARENT HELP - TYING SKATES

As we look ahead into January - our skating unit begins in Phys Ed classes. We can provide skates and helmets to those that do not have them. Remember - **helmets MUST be CSA approved** for ice skating or hockey - **we cannot allow bike helmets to be used**. Students will keep the borrowed skates &/or helmet (at school) for the duration of their class time in the skating unit. These items are NOT allowed to go home.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help tie skates and buckle up helmets! If you are able to come and help tie skates throughout the day, please let us know. [Here is a quick google form](#) to let us know your possible availability in January or February. We can confirm dates & times in January, but this just gives us an idea of who is available if we need. Thank you so much for helping out!



STAY INFORMED - COMMUNICATION

School Website ~ Class Webpages ~ Newsletters ~ Social Media

Our [OP School Website](#) is our primary source of communication between the school and home. Please ensure you check out the [OP Website](#) regularly. You can also follow us on Facebook (@OrioleParkElementaryRDP) &/or Instagram (Ecole_Oriole_Park_School)

Each homeroom teacher hosts a [class website](#) and most also have a Google Classroom. Please connect with your child's homeroom teacher for their G Classroom Link. If your child is going to be absent for any extended period of time, please connect with their homeroom teacher to stay updated on the material they will miss and the format for completing vital work.

New to our District is BrightSpace - as explained in this newsletter (in another section), parents can sign up for BrightSpace and follow all your children's progress on the SAME platform.

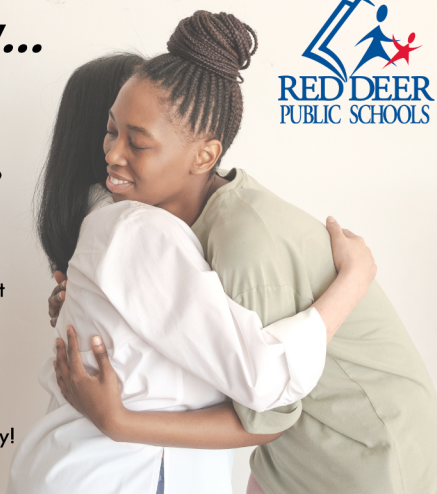
Parent Links - Resources - Information

Did you know...

We offer wrap around services to ensure your child is taken care of. This means supports are in place so that your child reaches their full potential!

If your child is struggling in any part of their day, talk with their teacher. They will be able to get them the support they need.

We are here for you and your family!



Female Lacrosse Come Try it Nights!!

All Female players
between the ages of 10-16 across Central Alberta
This is a FREE Event of take place over three Mondays in January
at the Collicut Center in Red Deer
Ages U13-U15 January 9,16 and 23 715-815pm
Ages U15-U17 January 9-16 and 23 815-915pm
Register using the link on website (under Camps and Clinics tab)

centralalbertalacrosse.com



*"She believed
she could
so she did."*

-R.S. Grey

YOUTH NIGHT

SURF N TURF

NOT so silent night PYJAMA Party!

...wear your coziest pjs!

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 16
6 - 9 PM**

BEAT THE RUSH!
BUY YOUR PRE-SALE
WRISTBAND TICKETS
NOW!

FREE with a Recreation All Access Pass.
Just bring your card for identification and you will receive a wristband

Children age 8-12 **\$4.65**
Youth age 13-17 **\$6.45**

ON WHAT FUN IS
WATER SLIDE RACES
CHRISTMAS PHOTO BOOTH
CANDY CANE MINI GOLF
JINGLE BELL TARGET PRACTICE
ADRENALINE RUSH BOUNCER
HOT CHOCOLATE STATION
...AND SO MUCH MORE!

3020-30 Ave. Red Deer T4S 3S6-PLAY (7523)

Links to camps & information of interest to parents:

- [YMCA Youth & Family Programs & Activities](#) - Fall (Oct 31 - Dec 23)



IT'S COMING - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2023

École Oriole Park School offers half-day Kindergarten in both English and French Immersion.

You can find more [school-specific information here on our website](#).

Children MUST be 5 years of age by December 31, 2023 in order to attend Kindergarten in Sept of 2023.

We have Red Deer Child Care Society on site in our school to offer KinderCare to children of OP School who require the other half day care.

Please call Jacki or Sandy at OP School if you have any questions or require further information.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Red Deer Public Schools is the **BEST CHOICE** for exciting learning opportunities for all children. This begins with Kindergarten!

Our school offers **HALF DAY** programming, in **ENGLISH** and **FRENCH**!

**Registration begins
Monday, January 16, 2023**

Register online by visiting our website rdpsd.ab.ca



OPT IN FOR OP TEXT MESSAGES



Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our
TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages straight to your mobile phone with important information on student attendance, school events and other activities.

You can participate in this service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "YES" to our District's short code number # 978338.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one our messages with "STOP".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with all legislation, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone. *Standard message and data rates may apply.



Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2023.

Many parents are not receiving information from OP School - this is a setting on your mobile device - please follow the instructions here to opt in to receive Text Messages from RDPDS &/or OP School so you stay informed on what is happening at your child's school!

Text "Y" or "YES" to 978338



GROUP HEALTH

Health lessons are an important part of our curriculum at an elementary school. While teachers cover many of the main health concepts in their homeroom classes, we supplement the lessons with big concept teaching in our group health lessons. Usually twice a month, the students in Div I and then Div II come together in the gym for a group Health Lesson.

Here are the concepts taught so far:

September: Getting to & from School safely

October: Zones of Regulation & SuperBrain (Healthy foods & Healthy eating/activities)

November: Respect & Growth Mindset Pt 1

SEEKING ART SUPPLIES

Our classes need the following supplies for art projects. If you have them, please send into the office:

- toilet paper rolls
- Pringles potato chip canisters

CAREER EDUCATION

Information from Alberta Education:

"[The Career Education Task Force](#) is announcing engagement opportunities for Albertans to provide input on career education programming for students in grades 7 to 12. Led by Shane Getson, parliamentary secretary for Economic Corridors, the task force is listening to all Albertans across the province to determine how to innovate and strengthen career education programming for students and employers.

From now until December 9, 2022, the task force would like to hear from Albertans who can share ideas online or in-person engagement sessions in 11 communities across the province. They are encouraged to participate in their region or they have the flexibility to attend any session that works best for them.

There are also online surveys for the public and students in grade 7 to 12 to provide feedback on career education programming. Albertans can register for an engagement session, take the survey and sign up for career education updates at alberta.ca/career-education-task-force.

STUDENT SAFETY - HOUR ZERO



Student safety is our top priority at [RDPSD](#) and in Oriole Park School. Staff spend hours and hours each year in training and review of safety protocols. Our District follows a program of safety called Hour Zero. [Please click here](#) for a summary of the Hour Zero Safety Protocols & terminology we teach our students in the event of a wide variety of emergency situations. When the adults in the school keep calm and give clear and concise instructions during these protocols, the students feel a sense of safety & security. We practice the various scenarios at different points in the year so that in the event of a real emergency, students are well prepared for any situation. This happens each year from

Kindergarten to Grade 12 in every RDPSD school. Please contact the office if you have any questions about the Hour Zero program.





STUDENT RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following amazing OP students for being recognized & celebrated for demonstrating one of the RDPSD Values for Learning & Life: (Student names & values are celebrated on OPN News weekly, students receive a certificate from the Principal in class, and public recognition in the monthly newsletter (assuming no FOIP restrictions.)) Congratulations to all our students who received an OP Student Recognition Certificate this past month. Way to go Orioles!!!

FIRST	Award	Grade	Teacher
Thax	Collaborative	3	Mme Kayla
Scarlett	Respectful	3	Mme Kayla
Muhammad	Resilient	K	Ms. Baird
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Anastasia	Curious	5	Ms. Lacourse
Nixon	Collaborative	5	Ms. Lacourse
Ayoub	Collaborative	5	Ms. Lacourse
Amaya	Curious	5	Ms. Lacourse
Morgan	Resilient	5	Ms. Lacourse
Mina	Respectful	5	Ms. Lacourse
Alandra	Resilient	4	Mr. Hart
Dexter	Resilient	4	Mr. Hart
Sydney	Responsible	5	Mrs. Tuazon-King
Nash	Respectful	4	Mrs. Tuazon-King
Luella	Respectful	K	Mme Kuziak
Hayden	Responsible	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Violet	Responsible	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
William	Respectful	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Joses	Respectful	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Vitaline	Respectful	3	Mme Kayla
Ansel	Curious	3	Mme Kayla
Lukas	Resilient	5	Ms. Lacourse
Omar	Responsible	5	Ms. Lacourse



FIRST	Award	Grade	Teacher
Kash	Respectful	5	Ms. Lacourse
Thaine	Curious	5	Ms. Lacourse
Emahlie	Healthy	5	Ms. Lacourse
Curtis	Collaborative	5	Ms. Lacourse
Mekah	Responsible	2	Mrs. Beairsto & Mrs. Quirk
Amara	Curious	2	Mrs. Beairsto & Mrs. Quirk
Eaton	Responsible	2	Mrs. Beairsto & Mrs. Quirk
Mohammad	Curious	2	Mrs. Beairsto & Mrs. Quirk
Aria	Curious	K	Mrs. Steele
Jacob	Resilient	4	Mrs. Steele
James	Collaborative	4	Mrs. Steele
Hamza	Curious	4	Mrs. Tuazon-King
Cali	Responsible	5	Mrs. Tuazon-King
Evan	Respectful	4	Mme Boissonneault-Empy
Melissa-Jane	Resilient	3	Mme Boissonneault-Empy
Ellie	Healthy	3	Ms. Weststrate
Danika	Resilient	3	Ms. Weststrate
Amily	Responsible	3	Ms. Weststrate
Sunny	Respectful	K	Ms. Baird
Emma	Respectful	K	Ms. Baird



OPN (OP News)

December brings some additional fun on our OPNews (daily broadcast)

Thanks to OP Staff Member - Mrs. Amanda Lubbers, she is going to have a contest in the homeroom classes with some Christmas Trivia (Dec 1 - 7); Name that Tune (Dec 12 - 16); and Guess that Movie Trivia (Dec 19 - 23). Homerooms will submit their answers and we'll have some friendly competition as we prepare for our "Christmas Theme Day" (ugly Christmas Sweater, Santa Hat, wear Red & Green, etc.) on Dec 22 and Pajama Day on Dec 23.

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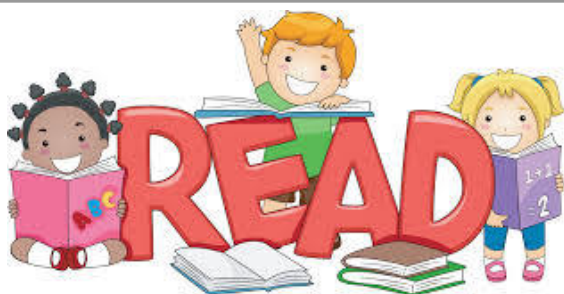
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or use the Parent App



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Digital Citizenship

All Good Digital Citizens:

Protect private information for themselves and others

Respect themselves and others

Stay safe online

Stand up to Cyberbullying when they see it happening

Balance the time they spend online and using media

Respect copyright and intellectual property

Carefully manage their Digital Footprint



School Council Corner

School Council Meetings

**Our next meeting will take place
IN PERSON (OP Library)**

On Monday, January 16, 2023

3:45 pm

(No December Meeting)

Please join our Oriole Park School Parents & Council Facebook Group! Link [HERE](#)

OP School Council

welcomes all parents to our meetings so you have a voice and can stay informed on what is happening at your child's school. We look forward to a wonderful working relationship with our families and OP Staff.



IMPORTANT Links for Parents

[Child Under 18 COVID-19 Health Screening Form](#)

[OP Parent Corner](#) - programs/info from Community Sources for your information only

opinfo@rdpsd.ab.ca - attendance email to report your child's absence



Free Urgent Dental Screening For Children

Call the Johnstone Crossing Community Health Centre at 403-356-6302 to see if your family qualifies.