

Staff Parking Lot

Student safety is always our top priority. The parking lot is for STAFF access only and parents of children in wheelchairs or who have mobility issues.

Please do NOT drive in our parking lot for pick up or drop off at any time of the day. This poses a significant safety risk to our students who may be walking to school late or coming from an appointment.

There are plenty of places to park on the front street (Oldbury Street) that requires literally a few steps more and does not put our students at risk. Vehicles driving in the lot and backing up to leave pose a serious risk to our students who move around school building for a number of daily activities.

Please help us keep your child and all our OP students safe by not driving in our parking lot during the school day. We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

Winter Clothing

Just a reminder on outdoor weather protocols and dressing for the changing winter weather. We go outside at least three times per day (3 recesses) and sometimes for Phys Ed class too (skating, skiing, outdoor winter activities). It is important that students are dressed for the weather, including an extra pair of socks & gloves in their backpack if you are able. We do have extra supplies at the school, but often children want to wear their own gear.

The threshold is around -20 with a windchill. We do have an on-site weather station, which is what guides our decision on indoor vs. outdoor recesses and/or Phys Ed. There is a team of staff that decides on whether we go outside or not by carefully considering the on-site weather data which also communicates the wind chill.

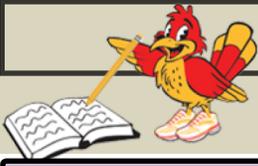
If you need assistance with winter clothing supplies, please let us know. Ms. Carla (our CLW) has a large stash of coats, snow pants, & boots. We keep a container of gloves & toques in the office for students to borrow if and when needed.

Reading Challenge

Literacy is not only a goal within our school, but also an over-arching Red Deer Public School goal for all students. January brings our yearly Reading Challenge, hosted by OP Admin, which encourages OP Students and Families to get involved. The challenge will run from Jan 16 - Feb 19. Students are encouraged to read (this is additional reading time than what we already do at school)

- Grades: Kindergarten to Grade 2 & Pathways: 15 minutes per night
- Grades: 3 - 5: 30 minutes per night

When students meet their weekly goals of 105 minutes (Gr K-2) or 210 minutes (Gr 3-5), they qualify for prizes. We encourage parents to set up a nice comfy area in the house that encourages children to sit and read in comfort with good lighting and a great atmosphere. Make it fun and when the whole family gets involved, it promotes literacy and learning for everyone. Talk about the book(s) after to increase comprehension skills for students. Have them talk about the moral of the story and how it can apply to real life. These are all important skills in reading & literacy.



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 - [Here](#) is the parent guide. Parents can sign up for BrightSpace and follow all your children's progress on the SAME platform.

Parent Links - Resources - Information

Red Deer Public will hold its community engagement from January 10 - February 6 around the day to day experiences for students and our Division priorities.

Visit rdpsd.ab.ca for more!



Skating Unit Help Needed

Please [fill out this Google Form](#) if you are able to come to the school one or more times to help tie skates for our skating unit. Any and all help is appreciated!

Students MUST wear CSA Approved helmets for skating/ice hockey - Bicycle helmets are NOT acceptable. We have helmets (& skates) for students to borrow for those that need.

Links to camps & information of interest to parents:

- [Kids Yoga Club](#) - Tuesdays 4 - 5:10 pm starting Jan 10 - Introduce your child to the benefits of yoga - increased flexibility, strength, self-confidence, self-regulation, body awareness, and coordination. Visit littleglightsyoga.ca

Pringles Cans Needed - if you have any Pringles cans hangin' around your house - we could use them for Art Projects!



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



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

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.



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 RDPSD &/or OP School so you stay informed on what is happening at your child's school!

Text "Y" or "YES" to 978338



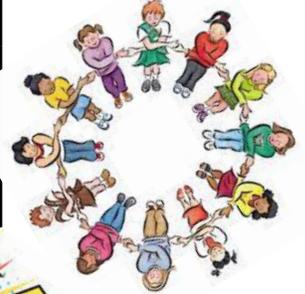
STUDENT RECOGNITION

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
Bella	Curious	2	Mrs. Fichter
Minahil	Respectful	2	Mrs. Fichter
Matthew	Collaborative	2	Mrs. Fichter
Kayden	Resilient	2	Mrs. Fichter
SarahMae	Respectful	2	Mme Konan
Caroline	Respectful	2	Mme Konan
Juniper	Resilient	2	Mme Konan
Akhil	Curious	2	Mme Konan
Kayden	Responsible	1	Mme Josée
Sawyer	Resilient	1	Mme Josée
Izzabelle	Responsible	1	Mme Josée
Nadia	Resilient	1	Mme Josée
Vickie	Respectful	1	Mme Josée
Saul	Responsible	4	Mr. Hart
Thomas	Collaborative	4	Mr. Hart
Hadeel	Curious	4	Mr. Hart
Ghazal	Respectful	4	Mr. Hart
Sham	Resilient	K	Ms. Baird
Khai	Healthy	K	Ms. Baird
Yuna	Responsible	5	Mrs. Tuazon-King
Avery	Respectful	5	Mrs. Tuazon-King



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Lily	Curious	3	Mme Kayla
Noah	Curious	3	Mme Kayla
Graysen	Resilient	3	Mme Kayla
Mitchell	Respectful	3	Ms. Weststrate
Michael	Responsible	3	Ms. Weststrate
Luke	Curious	3	Ms. Weststrate



Jr. Curling Volunteers Needed

The Red Deer Curling Club is in dire need of adult volunteers to help run the Jr. Curling program. Unfortunately, OP School could not open the attachment with more information, so please contact one or both of:

[Ali Lightfoot via email - judeandali@shaw.ca](mailto:judeandali@shaw.ca)

[Phil Rollingson via email - roadhole@gmail.com](mailto:roadhole@gmail.com)

Thank you OP Families!

Thank you so much to our generous and giving OP Families who supported the December Hamper Drive & Toonie (or more!) donation at our Winter Concert.

We brought in \$630.50 at our Winter Concert and student donations during the December Hamper drive totalled: \$299.00.

We made over 20 complete hampers and provided all of our OP Families in need with food and supplies to help make their Christmas season a little easier. Thank you all so much for your kindness & generosity!

Order your Pink Shirt TODAY!

Red Deer Public School District has teamed up with NorthStar Sports to offer you an easy option to purchase a Pink Shirt in recognition of Bullying Awareness Day in February. **Please follow this link** if you are interested in ordering a **Pink Shirt** (the school does NOT have sizes to try on for this campaign)

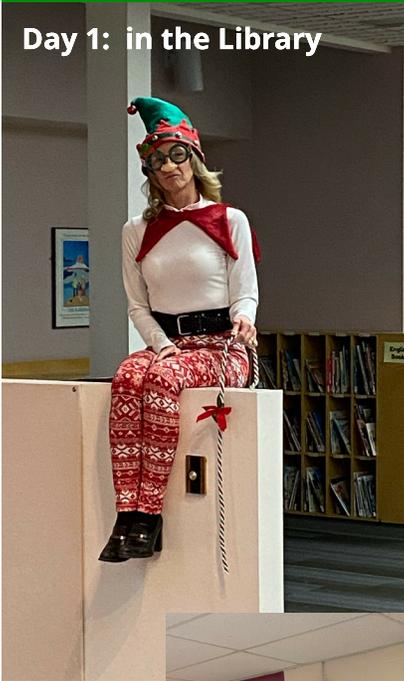
THANK YOU ~ Cilantro & Chive

We cannot say enough about our community support as we have embarked upon the building of an Outdoor Garden space for OP School. Cilantro & Chive supported us with an in-house dessert and \$1 of every order coming to our project. Further, our school-wide ice cream sandwich sale was a huge success - thanks to YOUR support - and on December 21, Cilantro & Chive came to our school assembly to present the cheque - \$1204.00!!!! This will go a long way to helping us buy soil & seeds for our garden in the spring! Thank you so much to OP Families & to Cilantro & Chive for their amazing support!



A little Elf fun at OP - Christmas Shenanigans

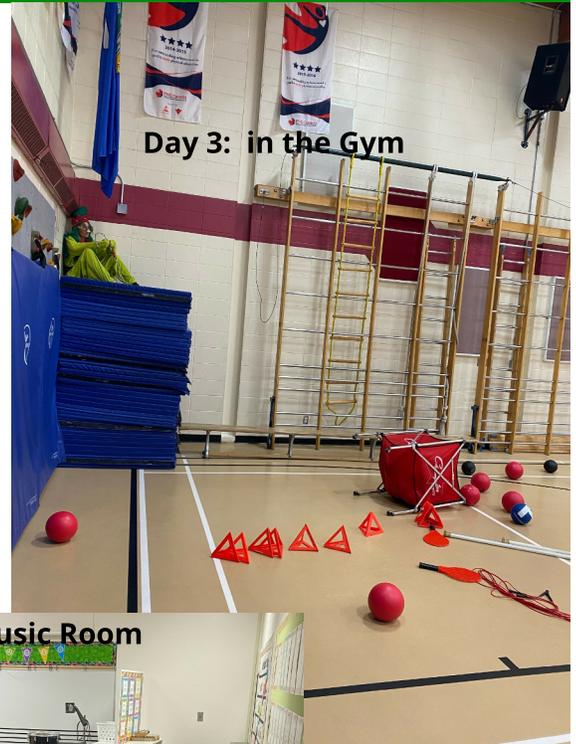
Day 1: in the Library



Day 2: in the Library



Day 3: in the Gym



Day 3 for PM Kindergarten in the hallway

Day 4 in the Music Room



You crazy Elf on a Shelf - with your messes everywhere! The kids were mesmerized with a "breathing" & blinking elf! :)

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or use the Parent App



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Digital Citizenship

THINK
BEFORE YOU POST



T- IS IT TRUE



H- IS IT HELPFUL



I- IS IT INSPIRING



N- IS IT NECESSARY

K- IS IT KIND



School Council Corner

School Council Meetings

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

On Monday, January 16, 2023

3:45 pm

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.

