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Newsletter

June

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Month at OP

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

Tuesday June 28

- **Last day for Students - 2:26 dismissal**

Wednesday & Thursday, June 29 & 30

- Staff Learning Days - prepare for new curriculum
- Staff Meeting, Team Meetings, Grade Meetings

July 1 - Canada Day Holiday

- Summer Holidays Begin for staff

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And so it comes to pass that another school year has started with the excitement of a new grade, a new teacher, and a new homeroom.... and then you blink a couple times and it's the last day of school.

There's a saying quoted by Rose Kennedy: "Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments" - and we had a lot of wonderful and beautiful moments within the walls of OP this year. Your child brings a perspective and personality that adds to the fabric of our school and to the culture of their classroom - and together, we learn to honour and respect our similarities and differences as one OP family.

Summer brings a time for rest, relaxation, playing and fun. Outside time is important and time spent with family and friends builds memories and connections that last a lifetime. Let's not forget the progress made in reading over the school year and incorporate library time and reading books your child loves over the summer too. Literacy skills are so vital to your child's success in school and reading is a year-round activity - have some fun at the RD Public Library as a family and continue to bring the joy of literacy and reading - which equates to long term academic success - into your child's life.

We look forward to welcoming back all our OP families in late August for a staggered start to the 2022/2023 school year. Staggered starts remove so much anxiety and nervousness for the students and make for a great transition to the year.

Have a wonderful and amazing summer everyone!!! Enjoy every moment that the beauty of our province holds and embrace all the little things that make life amazing. See you in the "Fall".



READ READ READ READ READ

Reading equates to increased literacy which equates to better understanding of material we are learning which equates to greater student success in school and beyond. The [Red Deer Public Library](#) is open all summer and offers free memberships to City of Red Deer residents, along with a wealth of activities and programs for your child & family to enjoy - all while encouraging a love of reading and learning.



[Here is a link from a source: 8 ways to prevent the "summer slide"](#)

Message from Adriana Lagrange

Subject: Minister's Parent and Teacher Advisory Councils

Dear colleagues,

The voices of Albertans are critical to our education system, and I am committed to listening to parents, guardians and teachers across our province. One way I can achieve this is through the Minister's Parent Advisory Council and Minister's Teacher Advisory Council.

Over the past year, the 2021/22 council members shared their valuable perspectives on the draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 curriculum, the *Education (Students First) Statutes Amendment Act*, mental health and more. These councils have helped enhance my ability to engage directly on important education priorities.

I am excited to announce the start of recruitment for the 2022/23 Minister's Parent Advisory Council and Minister's Teacher Advisory Council. We are looking for 40 parents/guardians and 40 teachers from across Alberta who will represent diverse priorities and a broad range of life experiences, knowledge and skills. The councils will include Indigenous and francophone peoples and representatives from a variety of geographical locations, school authorities, cultural origins and socio-economic backgrounds.

Interested individuals can apply until August 5, 2022. I hope you will encourage your members to explore these opportunities. For more information and instructions on how parents and teachers can apply, please visit alberta.ca/ministers-parent-advisory-council and alberta.ca/ministers-teacher-advisory-council.

If you have questions about either of the councils, please contact the Strategic Engagement Branch at EDC.mpac@gov.ab.ca (parent advisory council) or EDC.mtac@gov.ab.ca (teacher advisory council).

I look forward to having discussions with advisory council members and hearing the valuable input they will provide on our education system.

Sincerely,

Adriana LaGrange

Minister of Education



2022-2023 TRANSPORTATION APPLICATIONS FORMS

Yellow bus applications will be done online starting **May 1st for the 2022-2023 school year**. All [eligibility rules](#) still apply. This process will involve using School Engage through your Powerschool parent account to apply for busing. The 2022-2023 online form will be **active on May 1st** and will be the only way to apply for yellow busing. Paper forms will no longer be available or accepted once this new process begins so please ensure you have a Powerschool account. Below is a link to the new process to help with the transition. Please note that just like in previous years, applications that are submitted online after June 24th will not be processed until school staff are back in late August. Specialized busing (for the Pathways Program) will still be done with paper forms through the school. Please contact Sandy for further information.



[CITY WIDE SCHOOL COUNCIL](#)

City Wide School Council is seeking input from families on what is important to you and what you would like to see addressed as a parent within Red Deer Public School District.

[Please click on this link to provide feedback](#)



DAYHOME INFO

Licensed Dayhome spots are available at Little Otterbury Dayhome. Availability open for children 3+ years this summer and before/after school care for the 2022-2023 school year. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Accredited through Red Deer Child Care Family Dayhome Agency. Call or Text Keri Adkins (780-719-9153) for more details.





RSVP IN POWERSCHOOL

PowerSchool is our LEGAL system of registering students and connecting information between home, school, and the Government of Alberta/Alberta Education. It is required EACH YEAR that parents update their child's information in PowerSchool through the RSVP process.

[Here is the link to the Parent PowerSchool Guide](#) - which includes information on how to access the RSVP link.

If you have not already done so, PLEASE update your child's information ASAP which also doubles as your registration for school at OP for the next school year.

Parent Links - Resources - Information

Links to camps & information of interest to parents:

- **Royals Soccer** - Summer day camps (or half day) for children aged 5 - 13.
 - [Link to more information on camps](#)
 - [Link to volunteer opportunity for students 12+](#)
- **Red Deer Minor Football Program** - ages 8+ - [Link](#)
- **Lindsay Thurber Raiders Basketball Camp** - open to students from Grades 1 - 9 - Check this one out!!! [Link to more information](#)
- **Northside Community Centre - Summer Camps** - [Link](#) (various weeks & prices throughout the summer!)
- **Aspire School** - Push n Pace (Walk or Run Event) - [Link](#)
- **Red Deer Public School - International Services** - Red Deer Public Schools is looking for host families for the 2022-2023 school year for 5 or 10-month international students ages 14-18. Hosts receive \$800/month to offset the costs of hosting. If you are interested please call 587-679-0791 or email homestay@rdpsd.ab.ca
- **Red Deer Ukranian Dance Club** - Have you ever wanted to try Ukrainian Dance? Early Registration is OPEN now for classes starting up in the fall. Head over to Kvitka Red Deer Canadian Ukrainian Dance and fill out a New Dancer Registration Form. <https://kvitkard.ca>
- **Red Deer Pickleball Club - Youth Camps:** The Second Annual Summer Youth Camp July 25-29 Two groups and times: Youth ages 6-10 And Youth ages 11-15.
 1. All kids ages 6-17 are invited to join our new RDPC Youth Pickleball Club! 2 hour sessions for youth on Mondays from 12-2 pm in July and August. Sign up for the entire month or both months!
 - For more information on times, costs and how to register for either program go to the [Red Deer Pickleball Club Sign up Genius Programs Page](#)
 - **Singing Expressions (Roberta Koelmans-Cameron):** Providing quality, proven vocal instruction to ages 8 and up. Email singingberta@gmail.com for more information. Also available by request: flute lessons and small group classes with movement and rhythm instruments.





STUDENT RECOGNITION

The following students were nominated by their teacher in **June** for one of the RDPSD Values for Learning & Life: (Student names & values were celebrated on OPN News weekly, students receive a certificate from the Principal in class, and public recognition in the monthly newsletter.

FIRST Name	Award	Grade	Teacher
Chance	Healthy	2	Mrs. Beairsto
Alyssandra	Resilient	2	Mrs. Beairsto
Benjamin	Resilient	2	Mrs. Beairsto
Mitchell	Resilient	2	Mrs. Beairsto
Phoenix	Resilient	2	Mrs. Beairsto
Talan	Resilient	1	Mrs. Salomons
Eliana	Respectful	1	Mrs. Salomons
Minahil	Resilient	1	Mrs. Salomons
Jett	Resilient	3	Ms. Weststrate
Taz	Resilient	3	Ms. Weststrate
Besan	Responsible	3	Ms. Weststrate
Anastasia	Curious	3	Ms. Hanson
Talal	Respectful	2	Mrs. Fowler
Hunter	Resilient	2	Mrs. Fowler
Darian	Collaborative	2	Mrs. Fowler
Thomas	Resilient	1	Mrs. Willms
Khing Harry	Collaborative	1	Mrs. Willms
Yosuf	Healthy	1	Mrs. Willms
Kash	Collaborative	4	Ms. Stemmler
Mina	Collaborative	4	Ms. Stemmler
Porter	Collaborative	4	Ms. Stemmler
Nabil	Resilient	4	Ms. Stemmler
Jackson	Resilient	4	Ms. Stemmler



** Student Name cannot be printed due to FOIP

FIRST Name	Award	Grade	Teacher
Mariah	Collaborative	5	Mme Boissonneault-Empey
Finn	Curious	5	Mme Boissonneault-Empey
Sabah	Curious	5	Mme Boissonneault-Empey
Xavier	Curious	1	Mrs. Willms
Athena	Respectful	1	Mrs. Willms
Brielle	Healthy	1	Mme Josee
Cameron	Respectful	1	Mme Josee
Samuel	Healthy	1	Mme Josee
Alec	Resilient	1	Mme Josee
Amalia	Resilient	1	Mme Josee
Charlie	Resilient	1	Mme Josee
Teagan	Curious	1	Mme Josee
Lillian	Resilient	1	Mme Josee
Braxton	Respectful	1	Mme Josee
SarahMae	Respectful	1	Mme Josee
Caroline	Resilient	1	Mme Josee
Asil	Responsible	1	Mme Josee
Cecila	Responsible	1	Mme Josee
Maxwell	Collaborative	1	Mrs. Willms
Katniss	Respectful	1	Mrs. Willms
Amara	Respectful	1	Mrs. Willms





Grow a **READER**

RED DEER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S
2022 KIDS' SUMMER READING CLUB

Join the Summer Reading Club so you can
grow into the best reader you can be!



Reading Challenge:
Grab a Book Bingo
sheet from one of our
branches or on our
website to read and
play all the summer
long! And yes, there are
prizes to be won!

Summer Programs:
During the summer
we'll have storytimes,
activity times, Book
Bike stops, Books in the
Park StoryWalk®, and
more!

Visit rdpl.org/src after
June 1 for details!



MEET ME at the **PARK**



Meet us at a neighbourhood park for fun and games.

**Free, drop-in program offers informal,
unstructured, recreational opportunities
for all ages.**

Date	Location
July 4-8	Bower (85 Boyce St)
July 11-15	Rosedale (2 Roland St)
July 18-22	Oriole Park (5 Ogden Ave)
July 25-29	Mountview/Sunnybrook (4316, 32 St)
August 2-5	Pines (141 Pamelly Ave)
August 8-12	Kentwood (168 Kendrew Dr)
August 15-19	Clearview Meadows (93 Cornett Dr)
August 22-26	West Park (3811 57 Ave)

OP Retirements

Thank you for caring for and educating our children

Danielle Laurin
French Immersion EA



Ian Oostindie
RDPSD Admin - VP



Rhonda Allen
Pathways EA



SAVE THE DATES

It might be summer holidays in a few weeks, but as the pattern appears to repeat itself, we will have some dates for you to keep in mind to start up in the school year again in August.

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Supply List

Here is the link to the OP Website for the [School Supply List](#) for the 2022/2023 School Year.

We will be updating our website shortly and link all classroom [school supply lists](#) on our [OP website](#).

If you prefer the ease of the School Start Supply

Program, and sign up to have your supplies delivered to your door so you can prepare & label them prior to the start of the year.

Happy shopping!



OP Contact Information:



403-347-3731



op@rdpsd.ab.ca



orioletpark.rdpsd.ab.ca



403-347-3735

opinfo@rdpsd.ab.ca

or use the Parent App



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School Council Corner

School Council Meetings

***Our next meeting will take place
IN PERSON (OP Library) or ONLINE:
In September!***

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

If you have any questions, please email:
op-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca

**Please join our meetings next
year!**



IMPORTANT Links for Parents

[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.