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Newsletter November

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

So far, our Fall has been one to be very grateful for. But we know cooler temperatures are just around the corner! Please ensure your child/children are coming to school with the appropriate layers of clothing including toques & mitts (labeled). If they have outgrown anything and you have no other siblings to pass down their outdoor fall & winter clothing to, consider donating gently used coats & snow pants to the Coats for Kids Campaign. We have a donation box just inside our front foyer by the main office. This will help so many in need!

Everyone is in full swing, including our very active OP School Council! Sarah (OP SC Chair) & her crew have been very busy - [Healthy Hunger](#) has been organized for the year (you can still order), they've completed the ADMazing Savings Coupons, and the [Mabel's Label Sticker](#) campaign is still going! Now, the [Growing Smiles Poinsettia fundraiser](#) and [Purdy's Fundraiser](#) are preparing to launch. Check out our [OP Website](#) for further information. You are always most welcome to call the OP Office if you have any questions - or contact [OP School Council](#) via email.

Teachers have been busy with infusing supports to enhance literacy and numeracy in the classrooms and we are working hard to meet our [School Ed Plan goals](#) as we plan for each day. We appreciate families who are able to read with your children every day, encouraging and reinforcing the importance of literacy in the home. When home and school work together and reinforce similar values, students are much more successful long term. Thank you to all our families who read with your children!

As we look into November, we launch our Food Bank Drive to prepare for the holiday season for those in need. This aligns with our District and School Values for Learning and Life: Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Collaborative, and Healthy. We appreciate those families who are in a financially stable position to help children understand the value of giving back to others in our community. We know times are challenging for other families and we once again, will rely on those of us blessed enough to give a little something to those in need.

Please take care of yourselves and your families and contact the school if we can help/support in any way. As always, we are so grateful and thankful for our amazing OP students and families!

This Month at OP

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

Wednesday, November 3

- Picture re-take day 9:00-11:00 only

Thursday, November 4

- Hats on for Mental Health
- Parent Virtual Information Session on Mental Health Literacy "Go To Educator" - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 10

- District PD Day
- No School for Students

November 11-15

- *Fall break - No school*

Tuesday, November 16

- Classes resume

Thursday, November 18

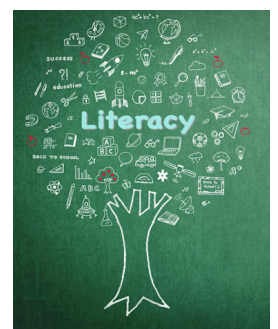
- Mucho Burrito Hot Lunch Day (Order through Healthy Hunger)

Monday, November 22

- School Council Meeting - 3:45 PM via Google Meet

"Literacy is the most basic currency of the knowledge economy"

Barack Obama





COVID Information

[Updated guidance - AHS](#) - as of Sept 24, 2021

[RDPSD COVID-19 Dashboard](#) - tracking active cases & percentage of absenteeism (NOTE: this is based on data collected from AHS and shared with RDPSD)

[COVID-19 Daily Checklist](#) - Children under 18 - please review daily before sending children to school

[RDPSD COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols](#) - RDPSD Guidance Document

As of October 18, 2021, schools will now be informed through AHS of any cases of COVID-19. Classrooms with 3+ cases over a 5-day period will be placed on an 'exclusion' list (meaning that class is excluded from in-person/in-school learning and moves to temporary online learning). AHS will direct which classes move to temporary online learning. Please ensure you know how to log onto your child's Google Classroom - we have information on the [Parent Corner](#) of our [OP Website](#) or [directly here](#).

PICTURE DAY RETAKES

Wednesday, November 3

The photographer will only be at the school from 9:00-11:00.



Photos from the first photo day have been uploaded into Power School. If you notice any errors please let us know at the school.

TERRY FOX RUN

WOW ~ the staff and students at Oriole Park are amazing!! We raised \$775.00 to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research.



Stretching after the run

School Council Fundraisers

AdMazing Savings Books - we sold 191 coupon books and raised \$2387.50. Each teacher will get \$100 to spend within their classroom budgets for student supplies.

Mabel's Labels - go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com & select our community organization



[Growing Smiles - Poinsettia](#)

[Fundraiser](#) - Nov 1 - 19. Pick up dates to follow. Order & pay online and pick up @ OP! Try a

online order through your Power School account.



[Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser](#) -

open until Nov 29 with pickup at OP School on Dec 13



[Healthy Hunger](#) - hot lunch program once/month



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are not allowed to do an in-person Remembrance Day ceremony with our whole school body & the parent community. On Tuesday, November 9th, we will honour our veterans and all those who continue to serve in the Canadian Military within our classroom cohorts.

Red Deer Public School District will once again, be providing schools with a video that highlights and honors those who have served. Along with welcoming back Frank Neeland as our bagpipe lead, we will live stream Frank piping through the OP hallways to launch our in-class presentations.

Students will then watch the video and have age-appropriate discussions about Remembrance Day. Students will participate in various art, social studies, and other curricular-related activities that continue to build their understanding of and appreciation for Remembrance Day.



RECYCLE WITH GRADE 4

We are excited to initiate a Terracycle recycling pilot project at OP. This supports our grade 4 science curriculum unit on waste management while encouraging students to be positive leaders of our environment. We will start small by collecting squeeze applesauce pouches. Thank you so much to one of our OP Parents who brought this program to our school and who will collect the applesauce pouches from the school every Wednesday.



BUS ZONE - NO PARKING

Please note:

We have officially moved our Prairie Bus drop off & pick up to Oleander Drive. There is NO PARKING along that street as per the City of Red Deer parking signs from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Please ensure you abide by the NEW parking signs as this is now enforceable by law. We will no longer be putting out the pylons & sandwich board sign as the official parking signs have now been installed.

We appreciate your help by keeping this area clear of vehicles for the safety of our students.

Reasons for this move:

- students are closer to school entrances upon arrival and if the bus is late, eliminates additional delays to get into classes
- students are closer to buses at end of the day in the event they are late out of the classroom
- students on AMA Patrols are closer to the buses after their patrols are done
- additional teacher supervision, if needed, at the bus zone area with Grade 1 & Grade 4/5 teachers





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RED DEER CHRISTMAS BUREAU

The Red Deer Christmas Bureau is in need of new or gently used toys, clothing or gift items for so many children and teens. OP will continue our tradition of donation boxes in the front entry for anyone who is able to donate items. Thank you on behalf of the RD Christmas Bureau for any donations you are able to provide to those in need this holiday season.



Hats On for Mental Health

Thursday November 4th!

Hats on for Mental Health

Students encouraged to wear a hat on Thursday

This will launch our

[Parent Virtual Information Session](#)

Go-To Educator

Mental Health Literacy training
designed for parents

Please join us:

Thurs Nov 4 @ 6:30 PM

Google Meet Code:

meet.google.com/sns-rkpp-wca

SOCK-TOBER!



What a wonderful response to the SOCK-tober campaign! We were able to bring in **631 pairs (WOW)** of socks and will donate them to the

Mustard Seed to help others as the temperatures drop and our most vulnerable need to stay warm. Thank you so much for helping us teach the values of community support and giving!



FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

There is still time to register for the SPARC Family Challenge this November!

Additional parent work shops:

Helping Kids Grow up Great

Connecting With Your Child

[CLICK ON THIS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)





STUDENT RECOGNITION

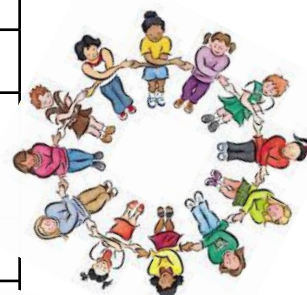
The following students were nominated by their teacher in **October** for one of the RDPSD Values for Learning & Life: (Student names & values were celebrated on OPN News weekly, students receive a certificate from the Principal in class, and public recognition in the monthly newsletter.

FIRST Name	Award	Grade	Teacher
Naya	Curious	1	Mme Josée
Corban	Collaborative	5	Ms. Lacourse
SarahMae	Responsible	1	Mme Josée
Amia	Responsible	1	Mme Josée
Owen	Curious	3	Ms. Weststrate
Hamza	Responsible	3	Ms. Weststrate
Gemma	Collaborative	3	Ms. Weststrate
Carter	Respectful	3	Ms. Weststrate
Wasim	Collaborative	5	Ms. Lacourse
Yamen	Collaborative	5	Ms. Lacourse
Rem	Collaborative	5	Ms. Lacourse
Naomi	Collaborative	5	Mrs. Coates
Liam	Responsible	5	Mrs. Coates
Fahim	Respectful	5	Mrs. Coates
Mya	Collaborative	4	Miss Stemmler
Naya	Curious	1	Mme Josée
Blayze	Collaborative	4	Miss Stemmler
Tessa	Respectful	4	Mme Boissonneault
Michael	Curious	2	Mrs. Beirsto
William	Responsible	2	Mrs. Beirsto
Quinn	Respectful	2	Mrs. Beirsto
Tobias	Respectful	K	Ms. Baird
Tamer	Resilient	K	Ms. Baird
Amaya	Resilient	4	Miss Stemmler
Omar	Resilient	4	Miss Stemmler



** Student Name cannot be printed due to FOIP

FIRST Name	Award	Grade	Teacher
Eli	Responsible	KB	Ms. Baird
Maggie	Respectful	KB	Ms. Baird
Amer	Respectful	3	Ms. Weststrate
Avery	Responsible	3	Ms. Weststrate
Hannah	Resilient	3	Ms. Weststrate
Saul	Curious	3	Ms. Weststrate
Thaine	Collaborative	4	Miss. Stemmler
Misha	Responsible	4	Miss. Stemmler
Jason	Curious	3	Mme Tanya
Londyn	Collaborative	3	Mme Tanya
Wacey	Respectful	4	Mme Beebe & Mme
Cassidy	Responsible	KC	Mme Cook
Kayden	Respectful	KC	Mme Cook
Hanna	Curious	KC	Mme Cook
Rose	Respectful	KC	Mme Cook
William	Resilient	KB	Ms. Baird
Benjamin	Healthy	KB	Ms. Baird
Shaymaa	Responsible	2	Mrs. Fowler
Caradie	Resilient	2	Mrs. Fowler

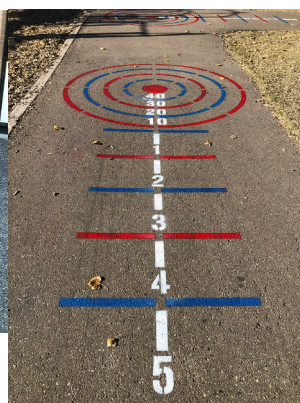


Outside Activity Stencils - Fun, Fun, Fun!



Thanks to Red Deer Polytechnic Fitness & Wellness Services Department for loaning out the sidewalk stencils so we can add more activity stations to our outdoor fun!

Mirror Me & 4- Square are huge hits with the kids!



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



5 Oldbury Street

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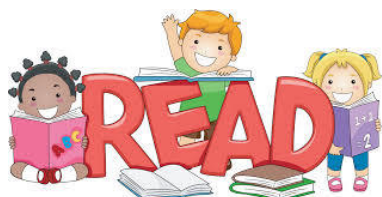
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Adopt A Family for
Christmas

If you or anyone you know
needs help this Christmas
The Salvation Army Adopt a
Family is here to help. Call for an
appointment: 403-346-2251

November 2 - December 10



School Council Corner

School Council Meetings

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend
School Council meetings held monthly (typically) on
the third Monday of the month.

Our next meeting will take place on:

Monday, November 22, 2021 @ 3:45 PM

**If you would like to attend via Google Meet
instead, please use this code and sign in by 3:45
PM**

meet.google.com/hqk-jxtq-qdt

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 support our School Council Fundraisers!

[Healthy Hunger](#)

[Mabels Labels](#)

[Purdy's Chocolates](#)

[Growing Smiles Poinsettia & Christmas
Decorations](#)



IMPORTANT Links for Parents

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

[COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols RDPSPD 2021](#)

[OP Parent Corner](#) -

programs/info from
Community Sources for your
information only

opinfo@rdpsd.ab.ca - attendance email to rep
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.

**Healthy
Hunger**

