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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I'll start this month with a huge shout out to the students & families of OP! We had some on the fly changes through the month of September with regard to C-19 restrictions, masking, cohorting, etc. Our District and the Board of Trustees faced some tough decisions in the absence of guidance from AHS & the Gov't of Alberta. In the end, we received similar guidance to masking and cohorting that we were mandated last year, so with our staffing configuration, educational supports and our focus on academics, teaching and learning, we then implement what is best within each school in Red Deer Public and within OP School.

To the staff at OP - thank YOU for all that you do each and every day to help keep our students safe and keep them engaged & learning in the classroom(s). Our staff has been diligent in ensuring that the start up at Oriole Park was filled with fun, engaging activities and welcomed students back into the classroom(s) so they could have a wonderful start to their year. Our "soft start" and staggered entry contributed to this and hopefully made the transition a little easier for all.

September saw us participate in the Terry Fox Run, a legacy project of rock painting in conjunction with Three Robins Red Deer (with very generous donations of rocks from [Burnco Landscape Centre](#) & [Howell's Excavating Ltd](#)), and participation in the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation on Sept 30 - as well as Orange Shirt Day.

The fall now brings in cooler and more unpredictable weather - please ensure your child/children are dressed appropriately for the changing seasons. With our school routines settled in, it is important that students come to school well-rested and with healthy food & snacks. Weekend planning of lunches & snacks makes daily packing that much easier. Help your child make healthy choices for their school lunch(es) and snacks so their brain & body has the right fuel to learn. Ensuring a good night's sleep and healthy eating means students are ready to learn. Forming these habits early sets a positive path for years to come as they progress through their formative years of school. Consult [Canada's Food Guide](#) for healthy choices for additional ideas and information.

We look forward to meeting with our parents in October for Parent Teacher Interviews. Once again, they will be held via your choice of a phone call meeting or a virtual meet over Google Meet. Information is included in this newsletter and on our [OP Website - Parent Teacher Interviews link](#).

This Month at OP

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

Wednesday, October 6

- Parent Teacher interviews (4-6 pm)

Thursday, October 7

- Parent Teacher interviews (8:30 am - 5:00 pm)
- No School for Students

Friday, October 8

- Staff Learning Day - No School

Monday, October 11

- Thanksgiving (No School)

Friday, October 15

- Picture Day - Smile!

Monday, October 18

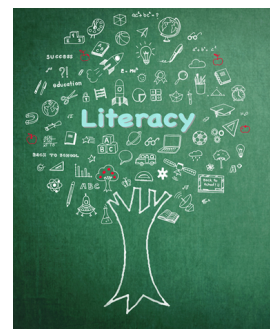
- School Council Meeting - 3:45 PM via Google Meet

Thursday, October 21

- Quesada Hot Lunch Day (Order through Healthy Hunger)

"Literacy is one of the greatest gifts a person can receive"

Jen Selinsky





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 voluntary parent disclosure of students who test positive for C-19)

[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 Sept 30, 2021, schools will now inform parents if there is a self-disclosed positive case of C-19 within their child's classroom. The letter will be sent at the end of the day that we are informed. We understand that in the absence of Government tracing, the information you receive does not (necessarily) reflect accurate data. Parents are not required to disclose so we are only allowed to share information based on parent approval.

PICTURE DAY

Friday, October 15

Individual & (maybe) class pictures (TBD) will be taken. Proof packages will be sent home. It is preferred that orders be done online and instructions are included in your package.



WALKING FIELD TRIP FORM

This form is now online. It can be found in your parent Power School account. Look at the drop down menu on the left hand side, it will be under Student Fees/Online Forms. Read the Field Trip information, give consent then click on the cart at the bottom. Lastly, select the Green confirm button. You will receive a confirmation once your form is submitted successfully.

It is mandatory that ALL parents fill out this form ASAP!

COATS FOR KIDS

We will once again be collecting coats and other winter gear to help Coats for Kids through Victory Church!

There will be a bin placed inside the **Main Entrance Boot Room Foyer.**



Donations will be accepted
October 12 - 22

School Council Fundraisers

AdMazing Savings Books - More info on last page of newsletter!

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

Coming soon:

- ☐ Living Poinsettias, wreaths, and displays
- ☐ Purdy's Chocolates



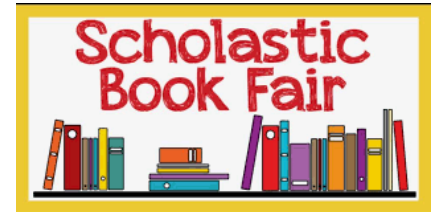
Scholastic Book Fair



VIRTUAL ONLINE BOOK FAIR

October 4 - October 17, 2021

NO SHIPPING FEES!



All orders will be individually packaged and shipped directly to OP School to eliminate shipping costs to families. Orders will be sent home with the oldest child.

*Any purchases that are intended as Christmas gifts, PLEASE inform Jacki or Sandy @ the OP Office and we will hold back those orders for Parent pick-up

Use this link: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5163721>

All funds raised by the Scholastic Book Fair supports our School Library

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday, October 6: 4 - 6 pm

Thursday October 7: 8:30 am - 5 pm

Book for one of two options:

- Phone Interview
- Google Meet

Head to schoolinterviews.ca and click on "Make a Booking"

Enter school code: pzq3h

Follow the on screen directions. Call the school office if you have any questions.

Please note: there is school for students on Wednesday, Oct 6th but **not** on Thursday Oct 7th.

(Friday Oct 8 is a Staff Learning Day, & Monday Oct 11 is Thanksgiving Monday, - no school for students on those days)

BUS ZONE - NO PARKING

Please note:

We have moved our Prairie Bus drop off & pick up to Oleander Drive. There is NO PARKING along that street during our busy morning and afternoon school bus times (8:30 - 9:00 am and 3:15 - 3:45 pm) This will ensure we have room for the 3 Prairie buses that service our students and families.

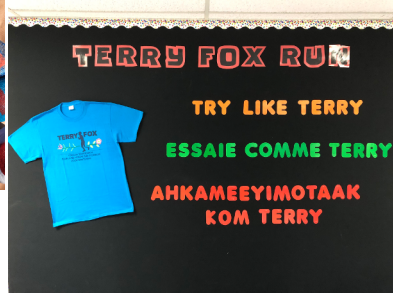
We will have the City of Red Deer put up the School Bus Zone sign, but so far, that sign has not been installed. We try to get our Bus Parking Only sign and pylons out each morning and afternoon, but sometimes, things don't go our way! We appreciate your help by keeping this area clear of parent vehicles 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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COMMUNITY SUPPORT!

We had AMAZING local companies step up to donate to OP for the legacy rock painting project in collaboration with Three Robins Red Deer. Huge thanks to:

Burnco Landscape Centre - Red Deer

Howells Excavation Ltd. (Innisfail)

THANK YOU!



DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

It is wonderful to be able to multi-task and take your wonderful family pup out for a walk as you come to OP to pick up your child / children. Please be aware that some of our students have allergies to dogs, or do not know how to approach a dog that doesn't know them.

Please ensure the safety of our students as we respectfully request that you and your family pet wait on the outer perimeter of the playground (outside the fence) with your leashed dog. This will ensure a barrier between an overly excited student and the pup! Thank you so much for your understanding & support in this matter.

AMA Crosswalk Program

We are so excited to have our AMA Crosswalk Program back as this is "normal" operations for our school.

Please ensure that if you are driving after school for student pick up that you remember a few key rules when it comes to crosswalk safety:

- Our students are Grade 5's who are practicing leadership skills through the program
- They volunteer for this program
- They are looking out for the safety of all students crossing the road, so their signals need to be followed by students, parents and drivers
- Support them by stopping appropriately as they navigate their new role as crosswalk patrol volunteer(s)
- We appreciate your support and understanding as we all help our children learn through leadership roles such as the AMA Patrol Program

HALLOWEEN 2021

With restrictions changing so frequently, we will make a decision on Halloween after our October 8th Staff Learning Day.

We are *likely* going to do a "Spirit Day" (wear black & orange) since we are not allowed parents in the building – which is typically a routine for parents to come at noon to help with costumes. Since this can't happen this year, we will likely have to repeat what we did last year with COVID restrictions.

Please allow us time to meet as a staff and address this issue in the best interest & safety of students & staff.





STUDENT RECOGNITION

The following students were nominated by their teacher in **September** 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 |
|------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------|
| James | Resilient | 3 | Mrs. Steele |
| Anastasia | Collaborative | 4 | Mrs. Steele |
| Kaylee | Resilient | 3 | Mme Tanya |
| Levi | Respectful | 3 | Mme Tanya |
| Hayden | Collaborative | 4 | Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge |
| Chael | Collaborative | 5 | Ms. Lacourse |



** Student Name cannot be printed due to FOIP



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with Mabel's Labels!**



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Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com
and choose our organization from the list!
Then shop and your labels will ship directly to you with FREE shipping!

OP Clothing Apparel

It's that time of year again! North Star Sports is accepting orders for student, parent, and staff OP branded apparel!

ONLINE store opens: Monday, October 4

ONLINE store closes: Tuesday, October 19

All orders shipped to OP and will be sent home with your child (please let the office know if you prefer to pick up your order for any reason)

LINK: <https://opeapparelfall2021.itemorder.com/>

Go Orioles!

OP Contact Information:



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or use the Parent App



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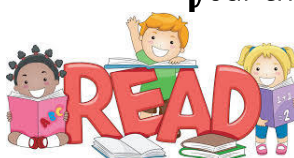
ADmazing Savings Books

Orders will be taken until October 12th, 2021.

We have the books on hand at the school, so parents are welcome to send in orders anytime to have access to the discounts right away!

Books are \$25.00 and we have Red Deer, Edmonton, Calgary and 1 Southern Alberta books available.

ALL funds raised from this are for teacher classroom funds and will be divided equally between all classrooms. We receive \$12.50 per book so it really is an awesome fundraiser for the school!



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, October 18, 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

City Wide Election Forum - October 5th, 2021 at 7 pm

Link to the meeting: [HERE](#)

New School Council Executive

- * Sarah Rollingson - Chair
- * Sona Macnaughton - Vice Chair
- * Kaycee Monteleone - Secretary
- * No treasurer position as we run all financials through the school/division

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

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



IMPORTANT Links for Parents

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

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

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

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

