

Annie L. Gaetz Weekly GatorAde

December 9 - December 13, 2024



Monday, December 9

-Premier Cheer After School Program (if you signed up)

-Silent Auction is closed at 1:30 pm

Tuesday, December 10

-Panago Pizza Hot Lunch (if you ordered)

-Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - AM

-Scholastic Book Fair 9:00 am-12:00 pm 1:00pm-3:00 pm

-Christmas Concert 7:00 pm at Crossroads

(Please have your child/ren at the church by 6:30 pm)

Wednesday, December 11

-Scholastic Book Fair 9:00 am-12:00 pm 1:00pm-3:00 pm

-Rebels Visit

Thursday, December 12

-Scholastic Book Fair 1:00 pm-7:00 pm

-Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

(No school for students)

Friday, December 13

-Staff Learning Day (No school for students)

The Silent Auction closes at 1:30 pm

On December 9, 2024



During our Christmas concert, we will be collecting spare change to support our local Mustard Seed. Every coin donated will go directly toward helping those in need within our community, bringing hope and joy this holiday season.

Let's come together to make a meaningful difference and share the true spirit of Christmas!



School Council Silent Auction

November 25, 2024 8:00 am -
December 9, 2024 1:30 pm

Annie L Gaetz Elementary School



Silent Auction



Nov 25 @ 8am to
Dec 9 @ 1:30pm

All funds raised go towards
ALG Christmas Concerts &
Christmas Hampers

https://www.32auctions.com/ALGPC_2024Auction

Items include but not limited to: gifts cards,
paintings, entertainment passes, etc

Please contact Parent Council by email:
alg-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca
with any questions



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Click **HERE** to
explore the Silent
Auction items!

You can create a new
login or use your
existing credentials from
last year.

Bidding is now open!

Winning bidders will
receive an email from
alg-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca with details
for item pickup. For
more information,
please refer to the
"Pickup" section in the
auction details.

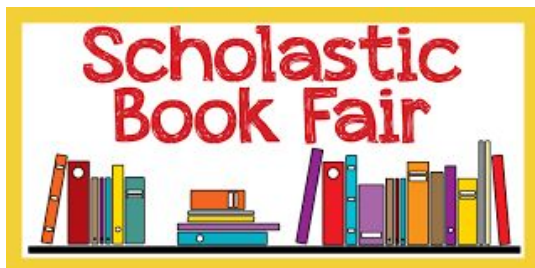


WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

Hours

December 10	9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
December 11	9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
December 12	1:00 pm-7:00 pm

December 10, 2024 - December 12, 2024



**CHECK
THIS
OUT!**



10-12 DECEMBER 2024
ALG SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

GIVEAWAY ALERT



Parent Council has prepared a gift basket valued at \$125!
All visitors to the book fair are welcome to enter, no
purchase necessary. Stop by and fill out your ballot!
Thank-you for your support and good luck!

Click **HERE** for more information about our
book fair and to preview the available books.

GIFTS FOR GRANDPARENTS

Help make Christmas brighter for isolated seniors this holiday season.

Donation Wish List:

- * **Lightweight blankets**
- * **Boxes of cookies** (small tins/boxes)
- * **Chocolates** (small boxes)
- * **Candy** (including Diabetic)
- * **Crackers** (small boxes)
- * **Large Print Word Search/Crossword with Pens**
- * **Socks** (mens & womens)
- * **Cash/Grocery Store gift cards**

Gifts will be delivered to seniors in our community who will benefit from your generosity this season.

This year, Annie L. Gaetz School is proud to support the **Gifts for Grandparents** initiative, spreading joy to isolated seniors in our community during the holiday season. Below, you'll find a poster with thoughtful suggestions for donations to help make this project a success.

We kindly ask that all donations be dropped off at the school by **Monday, December 16, at 9:00 a.m.** Together, let's make this holiday season truly special for our cherished grandparents!

Click [HERE](#) to register for
MunchaLunch

2024 - 2025 HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

CURRENT FALL SESSION		
Lunch Date	Lunch Description	Order By Date
Tue, Dec 03, 2024	Popcorn Chicken w Mac & Cheese	Thu, Nov 28, 2024 11:59 PM
Tue, Dec 10, 2024	Panago Pizza	Thu, Dec 5, 2024 11:59 PM
Tue, Dec 17, 2024	Special lunch provided by Parent Council, FREE, not on MunchaLunch, see Gatorade for details	
NEW SESSION OPENS DEC 6 2024		
Lunch Date	Lunch Description	Order By Date
Tue, Jan 7, 2025	Harvey's	Thu, Jan 2, 2025 11:59 PM
Tue, Jan 14, 2025	Pasta Day	Thu, Jan 9, 2025 11:59 PM
Tue, Jan 21, 2025	Guac Mexi Grill & Mac 'n Cheese	Thu, Jan 16, 2025 11:59 PM
Tue, Jan 28, 2025	Mom's Soup & Grilled Cheese; Wraps	Thu, Jan 23, 2025 11:59 PM
Tue, Feb 4, 2025	Panago Pizza	Thu, Jan 30, 2025 11:59 PM
Tue, Feb 11, 2025	Hot Dog Day (w halal option)	Thu, Feb 6, 2025 11:59 PM

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are looking for
volunteers to help with
hot lunches.

Click **HERE** to view
the schedule.

FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Join friends and family from Annie L. Gaetz Elementary School on
March 1 as the Red Deer Rebels take on the Kelowna Rockets!

Use the Promo Code **ANNIE** for a special offer!

\$12 Youth tickets and **\$20** Adult tickets

Pick your own seat in the reserved section to sit with your classmates

To take advantage of this great offer, simply go to www.ticketsalberta.com.

School choir will be singing the National anthem!

AND as a special bonus... if there are more than 100 tickets sold,
the Red Deer Rebels will donate \$1 per ticket sold back to your school!

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st

Doors open at 6:00 pm | Puck drops at 7:00 pm

**Bobble Head Night*



Tickets may be purchased online up until 5:00 pm on game day.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 2 do not need a ticket for entry, but do not get a seat.

No refund or exchanges can be made on group tickets.

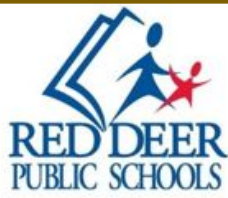
Do you happen to have any extra CSA-approved skating helmets that are no longer needed and are still within their safety certification period? We are seeking donations to support our upcoming skating program, which kicks off in January 2025.

Thank you for considering!

Christmas is just around the corner! 🎄 Why not add skates and helmets to your child's holiday wish list? These gifts not only bring endless winter fun but also encourage an active and healthy lifestyle. Whether they're gliding gracefully or just starting to find their balance, a pair of skates and a safety helmet make the perfect combination for magical moments on the ice. 🛼



Kindergarten at Red Deer Public Schools



It's an exciting time and a big step for children and their families. It's a time for learning and discovery, making new friends, preparing for success.

We offer a variety of programs including:

- Half and full day options in English programming
- French Immersion programming
- Spanish bilingual programming
- Kindergarten Academy of Discovery

Registration opens January 13



Exciting News: Kindergarten Registration Opens Soon!

Mark your calendars! Registration begins on **January 13, 2025**, for our Kindergarten programs:

- **Half-Day Kindergarten Program**
- **Kindergarten Academy of Discovery Full-Day Program** – an enriched learning experience designed to inspire and engage young minds!

If your child turns **5 years old on or before December 31, 2025**, they are eligible to join us for this exciting journey.

Don't miss this opportunity! To register, simply click [HERE](#) and secure your child's spot in their first steps toward a bright future.

School Pictures Message from Lifetouch



Dear Parents,

As a token of appreciation this holiday season, **Lifetouch** is offering discounts on school photography!

- 50% off a purchase of \$50+ with code CDEC50
- 40% off a purchase of \$40+ with code CDEC40
- 30% off a purchase of \$30+ with code CDEC30

Valid through December 14, 2024

To order, log in to your account on mylifetouch.ca or create an online account.

Thank you!

Terms & Conditions: Offer is only available through December 14, 2024, 11:59pm CST. Use code CDEC50 to get 50% off an online purchase of \$50 or more. Use code CDEC40 to get 40% off an online purchase of \$40 or more. Use code CDEC30 to get 30% off an online purchase of \$30 or more. Not valid for adjustments on prior purchases or after the promotional period, or with any other offer. Products, prices, availability, and offers are subject to change without notice. Shutterfly **Lifetouch**, LLC has the right to cancel an order due to altered, unauthorized, or ineligible use of discount.



Ways to Build Assets During the Holidays



The goal of SPARC Red Deer is to educate and excite our community on building blocks that all children and youth need in order to thrive, which includes the 40 Developmental Assets.

The holidays are a great time to reconnect as a family. These small, but meaningful connections can help build assets in your child.

The 40 Developmental Assets are building blocks that children and youth need to grow up healthy, caring and responsible.

Strong family relationships are the very heart of asset development.

Here are some ideas to help your family grow closer and maintain a positive atmosphere at home.

SPARC

Have your child teach you something new.

Talk about family traditions & explore those of others.

Plan and cook/bake a holiday recipe together as a family.

Build a snowman together, then warm up with some hot chocolate.

Make holiday crafts together.

Have a screen free day - get active.

Shovel your neighbours' driveway together.

Curl up as a family and watch a favourite holiday movie.

Merry Christmas

Walk around the neighbourhood to look at festive lights. Say hi to the neighbours that you see.

Get to know your kids friends and invite them along to one or more of your great holiday activities.

Volunteer together with your kids.

Go tobogganing or skating.

Celebrate your spiritual values with seasonal practices or gatherings.

Read Christmas or winter stories together as a family.

BEST WISHES

SPARC RED DEER, STRENGTHENING POSITIVE ASSETS & RESILIENCY IN COMMUNITIES
403.896.9431 | WWW.SPARCREDDEER.CA | SPARC



Building Strength & Inspiring Hope

Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention

The Community Helpers Program (CHP) is part of Alberta's suicide prevention strategy in offering mental health awareness and suicide prevention training: equipping participants with essential skills for life. CHP is a valuable opportunity for you to participate in an interactive and dynamic workshop where we cover topics such as ethical helping, boundaries, self-care, responding in a crisis, understanding mental health, stress, and signs and symptoms of suicide.

When: Thursday, January 23, 2025 from 10am - 4pm

Where: The Outreach Centre Boardroom in Red Deer

What: Coffee, snacks, lunch & 9 modules of a Provincial Alberta Health Services program

Cost: Free! Funded by Alberta Health Services

Bonus: Earn an official Alberta Health Services certificate upon completion for your resume & professional development records

How: To register call or email Tanya. If this date does not work for you, or if you'd prefer an online option, please contact me and I will get you on our waitlist.

To sign up today, contact **Tanya** (CHP Coordinator)

403-347-2480 / tanya@caoutreach.ca

Funded by Alberta Health Services



The Salvation Army Christmas Assistance

Adopt-a-Family FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Applications accepted from Nov 1 - Dec 13

Parents & Guardians of children under 18 can apply.

Call 403.346.2251 to book appointment to apply

Required Information:

- Photo ID for each adult
- Proof of income & expenses
- Health care cards for each member of family



Packages will be delivered to your home on **Friday, Dec. 20**

between 8:30 & 3:00.

An adult **MUST** be home to receive them.



DIVISION NIGHT

JOIN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY ALONG WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A NIGHT AT ROGERS PLACE WITH THE EDMONTON OILERS!



**SATURDAY
MARCH 22 8:00PM**

\$3 FROM EVERY TICKET PURCHASED WILL GO BACK TO THE FOUNDATION FOR RED DEER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCAN NOW TO SECURE YOUR TICKETS!



**STARTING AT
\$100** PLUS FEES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT **CIARA LEBOEUF**
CLEBOEUF@EDMONTONOILERS.COM
780-409-5927



All ALG Students

FREE PANCAKE LUNCH

TUESDAY DECEMBER 17TH

The Annie L. Gaetz parent association is providing all students with a free lunch of:

2 pancakes, turkey sausages, and juice

****Please let us know any dietary restrictions (Halal, vegan, dairy free, gluten free, dye free and/or whatever else your child needs. We want to feed EVERYBODY!!)**

ALG-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca

We can't make this possible without volunteers, contact Dyane at the office to sign up if you are able to help!

dyane.wagar@rdpsd.ab.ca





**Please do not
stop or park in the
bus lanes in front
of the school!**

just be kind

please, just be kind. especially during
the holidays. have an extra moment of
grace, of understanding, of love. there
are so many with stories of loss and
struggle and hardships. and the illusions
of the holiday and perfection and
celebrations can make the hurt magnified.
so just love. smile more than you think.
step up. hold the door. show up with
meals. and just choose kindness above
irritation. a simple act of kind can
ripple farther than one ever expects.
love first.

Winter Layering for Kids



Base Layer

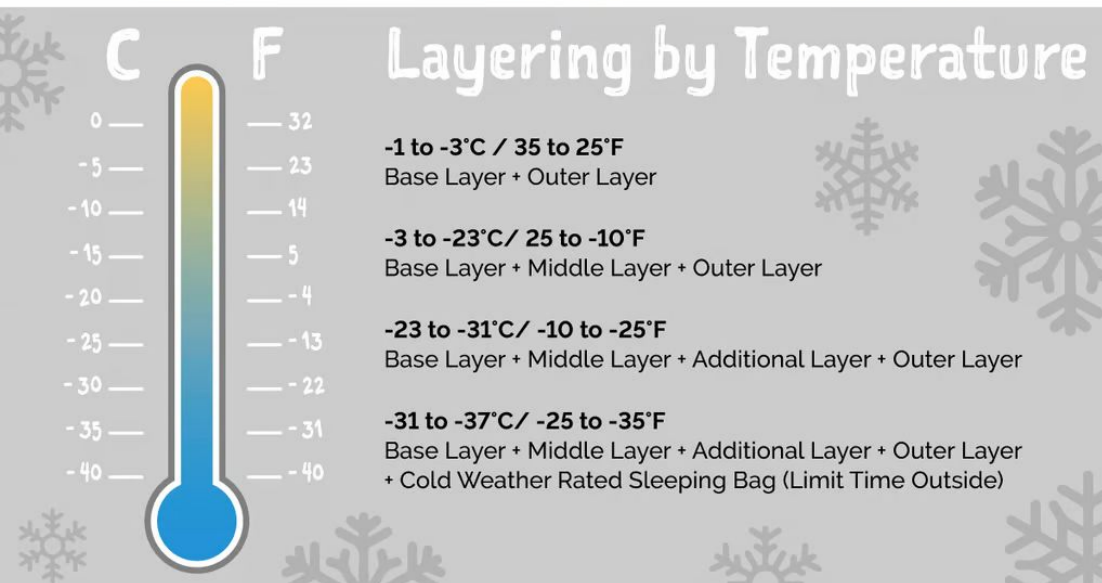


Middle Layer



Outer Layer

Dress for the weather!



COME SKI WITH US. PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES.

Red Deer Nordic Ski Club is Central Alberta's community for cross country skiing, biathlon and mountain ski touring. Winter is better on SKINNY SKIS!

We are proud of our strong local nordic heritage and aim to grow family and community connections through the great sport of cross-country skiing. There are programs for EVERY age and ability. We have a team of great coaches and world-class ski facilities at River Bend Recreation Area. Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2024 - 2025 season. COME SKI WITH US!

ON-SNOW PROGRAMS BEGIN DECEMBER 11TH.

FIND OUT MORE AT REDDEERNORDIC.CA



COOKIES & COCOA

Warm up and Chill out

Join us for an afternoon of winter fun!

- Free hot chocolate & fixings
- Family skating & tobogganing
- Snowman building
- Decorate a cookie
- Roast a marshmallow by the fire-pit!

 **Friday, Dec 27th**
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

 **Bower Skate Shack**
85 Boyce St, Red Deer

 **Kiwanis**
Bower Place Community Association



 **FREE**
WHEN THE SKATE SHACK IS OPEN

Hot chocolate and Marshmallows

 **Sleds, skates and helmets**



Generously Sponsored by The Red Deer Kiwanis Club



To register for courses below, click [HERE](#) and go to the events tab

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

Looking to strengthen your parent child relationship?

Learn about Developmental Relationships and how to make yours stronger to help your child grow up great!

 **→ HOW YOU ←
ENGAGE
TODAY'S YOUTH MAKES A
DIFFERENCE**

DATE: Dec 5, 2024
TIME: noon to 1:00pm
LOCATION: Virtual Zoom Session



Register by Dec 3rd
Scan the QR Code to register OR
www.sparcreddeer.ca and click Events Tab



WHAT HELPS A CHILD GROW UP CARING, HEALTHY, AND RESPONSIBLE?

Research shows there are 40 experiences, qualities, and relationships that can reduce risks and help kids thrive. Join us to learn about these and positive ways to build healthy connections with your kids.

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

 **40
DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS
EMPOWERING YOUTH
WITH CAPACITY FOR GREATNESS!**

DATE: Nov 26, 2024
TIME: 6:00pm to 7:30pm
LOCATION: Father Henri Voisin School, 60 Clearview Drive

Open to all parents in Red Deer.



REGISTER by Nov 25th
Scan the QR Code to register OR
www.sparcreddeer.ca and click Events Tab



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEETHOVEN

DECEMBER 16, 1770



**On December 16, to
celebrate Beethoven's
birthday, we will be
offering delicious
Brownie Cake Pops for
just \$2.00 each!**

