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Newsletter

May

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I was shocked to see the calendar indicate 10 weeks of school left for this year! Although we are all looking forward to the longer, warmer days of Spring, we know that May and June are filled with activities and events and the time flies by! Hold on to your hats and have a look at everything that is happening at Oriole Park over the next couple of months!

Math A Thon took place Friday, April 29 and our kids had a great time engaging in fun math activities. Kindergarten to grade 2's did some unique math challenges to solve puzzles and earn points. Grade 3-5's worked on math challenges that resembled a BreakOut Room (online) and had to use their math skills and thinking caps to open locks and move onto the next level in their BreakOut Room. It was a lot of fun and we can't thank our OP students, parents & the larger community for supporting this fundraiser. We do not yet have the final tally of funds raised, but as soon as we do, we will let you know!

OP School Council is planning a couple of FREE fun activities for the Spring! Hot Dogs & juice (free) for the Family Fun Night starting at 5:30 pm. Games to follow. make sure you check your calendar and **SAVE THE DATE(S)** for:

May 25 - Family Fun Night at the OP Park - 5:30 - 7:30 PM (Outside)

June 9 - Family Movie Night at OP - 5:45 - 7:15 PM (Gym)

Look for more information on each of these in the School Council Corner!!!

Teachers are busy planning all our year end activities, events, and Field Trips. Please ensure you are keeping up to date with your child's homeroom teacher for all information coming home on upcoming events so your child doesn't miss out on anything! Field Trip forms are all done online through your PowerSchool app - call Jacki or Sandy if you need help with filling out and signing the form online. Field trip costs are due to the office ASAP so we can pay for the entry fee & transportation - the school subsidizes part of the cost of the field trips, so the cost charged/student is not the full cost of the field trip.

Finally, if you have a child in K-4 at OP School, please ensure you fill out the School Enrolment Intention Form so we can plan for staffing for next year - the deadline has passed, but we are still missing many family's forms. [Here is the link to the youtube video](#) to assist

Thank you all for your continual support of OP School & working with us to ensure your child's success in school.

This Month at OP

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

Wednesday, May 4

- Hats on for Mental Health - wear a hat!

Thursday, May 5

- Whole School Assembly - Ryan Straschnitzki Presentation (resilience & positive mind set)
- Grade 6 Orientation (CMS, WMS & Normandeau Only)

Monday, May 16

- OP School Council Meeting 3:45

Wednesday, May 18

- Grow Kids Event (Gr 5 Only) Virtual

Thursday, May 19

- Chopped Leaf Hot Lunch (order through Healthy Hunger)

Friday, May 20

- Staff Learning Day, no school for students

Monday, May 23

- Victoria Day, no school for students

Wednesday, May 25

- Family Fun Night @ the Park - 5:30 PM

Tuesday, May 31

- Gr 2KC & 2W Field Trip to Kerry Wood Nature Centre



COVID Information

[Updated guidance - AHS for Schools](#) - as of January 5, 2022

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

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

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](#).

OUTDOOR GARDEN PROJECT - GROWING TO LIFE!

It is wonderful that we have re-learned to appreciate being outside and connecting with our natural environment over the last couple of years. Our next project is to build an Oriole Park Garden so our students have an opportunity for real, hands-on learning that connects to their curricular outcomes at every grade and across multiple courses.

We are currently seeking community donations OR partnerships to help us with our Outdoor Garden. Please [have a look at this letter](#) and sketch up of our project. If you know of any business(es) that would either donate or provide reduced cost for our project, please contact Mrs. Irvine. We are fortunate to have already received a donation from the **Optimist Club of Red Deer** in the amount of \$500 towards this project! They are such a great community support!

Another great community support has come from **Creative Concrete**. The owner has graciously agreed to help us out and not only provide guidance and support, but also supplement with a fundraiser where we will receive a portion of the proceeds. How about a unique gift for someone special this Mother's Day (or Father's Day) while supporting a worthwhile cause.

[Check out this fundraiser](#) that will help support our Outdoor Garden through Creative Concrete. Please pass along the link to anyone you might know who would be willing to help us in our efforts to build a wonderful garden space for the students of Oriole Park and our larger community. We will work with our community partners to also ensure our garden project is inclusive since some of our students have mobility limitations, so wheelchairs and/or walkers need to be considered in our design.

We thank you all very much for any and all support in the building of our garden.

[If you think you might be able to donate some time to help out, please fill out this Google Form.](#)





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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INTENTION FORM

It is that time of year when Principals and Administration are trying to plan for staffing for next year. It is very important that we know which students are returning to our school and who might be moving away or going to a different school (School of Choice).

Intention letters have been sent to you via email and you can complete the intention form online through your Parent PowerSchool app under the School Engage link.

All information and links are embedded in the email letter you received, however, [here is the link to the youtube video](#) to assist you if you require it. Although the deadline for filling out the School Enrollment Intention form for the 2022/2023 school year has passed, it is vital we have the information from all our families.

Please contact Jacki or Sandy in the office if you have any questions or require any assistance - we would be happy to help!

RAIDERS BASKETBALL CAMP

Lindsay Thurber - Raider Athletics is hosting their annual Summer Basketball camps for students in grades 1 - 9.

[Please click on this link for more information and to register](#) (through their website) **Students must be ENTERING the grades listed below to register:**

Grade 1 & 2: July 4 - 8: 9:30 - 11:30 am \$60 Maximum participants to register: 20

Grade 3, 4, & 5: July 4 - 8: 9:00 - 12 Noon \$75 Maximum participants to register: 40

Grade 6 & 7: July 4 - 8: 1:00 - 4:00 pm \$75 Maximum participants to register: 40

Please contact Lindsay Thurber for any additional information or questions.





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.



[Yellow Bus Application Process](#)



When it comes to all that goes on in a school in a given year, it is no small feat that we manage to fit in so many different activities, events, fundraisers, guest speakers, field trips, student focused clubs, interventions for academics, fun event days, hot lunches, and the list goes on. I've said it before - it takes a village - and the village that makes up OP School is amazing. From our School Council who works so hard at supporting our school and our students to the staff who go above and beyond making learning fun in the classroom and organizing activities and events to make school engaging & memorable.

On behalf of School Council, thank you so much for supporting the Growing Smiles Fundraiser this Spring - your support raised money to help cover the extra cost associated with field trips and school events that are planned for the end of the year. School Council and our OP staff and students are truly thankful for all that you do to support our students!

GROW KIDS EVENT

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May 18, 2022

Virtual Event

A collaboration between RDPSD & Red Deer Catholic School Division brings all Grade 5 students together - virtually - for a wonderful day of sessions that promote positive citizenship, healthy choices, responsible choices, and much more.

Teachers and students choose topics of interest to them and their needs - and they coordinate sessions with

students from other schools in RDPSD & RDCRD. This event is so well organized each year and Grade 5 students benefit from the wealth of options available to them.





GRADE 6 ORIENTATION

How fast a year goes - and as we look to the last 9 weeks of the year, we focus on transitioning students to Middle School. Grade 6 Orientation for those in Central Middle School catchment area is coming up on May 5. Catchment students in Grade 5 at OP will be bused to Central Middle School to learn about what it is like to be a Middle School Student. All French Immersion students go to Central Middle School, **assuming they are continuing in French**. Any families considering Late French Immersion (beginning in Grade 6) will also attend Central. For our families in the English program, please ensure you check the [RDPSD Website for the designated Middle School](#) for your child. NOT all students in Oriole Park's catchment area attend the same Middle School. It is the family's responsibility to ensure that your student attends their designated Middle School orientation (some orientations are in the evening only for families). If you are wanting to attend a School that is NOT your designated School, a [school of choice form](#) must be submitted to that school. Students who are not designated to CMS will not attend the Orientation on May 5 and have the choice to stay at OP for the afternoon and be a student leader in other classes, attend our school presentation from Ryan Straschnitzki, and complete other assigned work. Parents can also opt to take your child home for that afternoon or attend other Middle School Orientations if they are hosting one. Please check with your School of Choice Middle School to find out if they are hosting an Orientation on May 5.

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+](#)
- **Spring Rugby** - Free Rugby Camp April 30 from 2 - 4 PM - come and try it out! [More information here.](#)
- **Lindsay Thurber Raiders Basketball Camp** - open to students from Grades 1 - 9 - Check this one out!!! [Link to more information](#)
- **Children's Festival** is planned and scheduled for **June 3-4, 2022**. See Link for more information

YOUTH HQ
SUMMER
DAY CAMPS

COMING TO
NORTH HILL CLUB

JULY 4-8
JULY 25-29
AUGUST 2-5
AGES 7-12

FOR MORE INFO
OR TO REGISTER
YOUR KIDS VISIT
YOUTH HQ
YOUTH HQ.CA



STUDENT RECOGNITION

The following students were nominated by their teacher in April 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
Luke	Collaborative	2	Mme Koelmans-Cameron
Adler	Curious	2	Mme Koelmans-Cameron
Maxx	Respectful	1	Mrs. Salomons
Bella	Respectful	1	Mrs. Salomons
Hendrick	Respectful	1	Mrs. Salomons
Kyle	Curious	4	Mrs. Coates
Jackson	Healthy	4	Mrs. Coates
Nixon	Responsible	4	Mrs. Coates
Johnathan	Curious	5	Mrs. Coates
Evander	Curious	4	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Georgia	Responsible	4	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Thomas	Collaborative	2	Mme Wallace
Ellie	Responsible	2	Mme Wallace
Amily	Respectful	2	Mrs. Fowler
Declan	Collaborative	2	Mrs. Fowler
Brayden	Healthy	2	Mrs. Fowler
Riley	Curious	3	Mme Kayla
Katalyn	Resilient	3	Mme Kayla
Sydney	Collaborative	4	Ms. Stemmler
Safa	Resilient	4	Ms. Stemmler
Rafif	Collaborative	4	Ms. Stemmler
Jemma	Curious	3	Mr. O & Ms. Hanson
Nathen	Resilient	3	Mr. O & Ms. Hanson
Dexter	Curious	3	Mr. O & Ms. Hanson
Jewel	Collaborative	3	Mr. O & Ms. Hanson



** Student Name cannot be printed due to FOIP

FIRST Name	Award	Grade	Teacher
Melissa-Jane	Responsible	2	Mme Koelmans-Cameron
Ryence	Respectful	2	Mme Koelmans-Cameron
Zayd	Healthy	K	Mme Cook
Emma	Healthy	K	Mme Cook
Vickie	Respectful	K	Mme Cook
Henley	Curious	K	Mme Cook
Ellie	Respectful	K	Mme Cook
Ryan	Resilient	K	Mme Cook
Brealyynn	Respectful	K	Mme Cook
Rylen	Responsible	2	Mrs. Beairsto
Alton	Resilient	2	Mrs. Beairsto
Jacob	Respectful	2	Mrs. Beairsto
Danika	Respectful	2	Mrs. Beairsto
Tegan	Respectful	1	Mrs. Salomons
Mohammad	Collaborative	1	Mrs. Salomons
Emiliano	Resilient	1	Mrs. Salomons
Corbin	Respectful	2	Mlle Wallace
Norah	Collaborative	2	Mlle Wallace
Mekah	Respectful	1	Mrs. Willms
Kayden	Respectful	1	Mrs. Willms
Queen	Resilient	1	Mrs. Willms
Angel	Resilient	1	Mrs. Salomons
Violet	Collaborative	4	Mme Boissonneault-Empey
Charlotte	Responsible	5	Mme Boissonneault-Empey
Luke	Healthy	5	Mme Boissonneault-Empey
Joses	Curious	4	Mme Boissonneault-Empey



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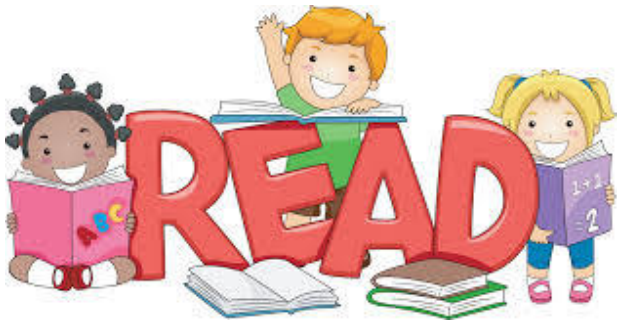
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or use the Parent App



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Video Links

[OP Winter Walk - December, 2021](#)

[OP Remembrance Day Piper](#)



School Council Corner

School Council Meetings

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

Monday, May 16 @ 3:45 PM

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

<https://meet.google.com/hqk-jxtq-qdt?pli=1>

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

SAVE THE DATES!

May 25 - Family Fun Night @ the Park: 5:30 PM

- Mantracker, other games
- Hot Dogs & Juice (including halal & vegetarian)
- Free family fun night!!!!

June 9 - Family Movie Night @ OP: 5:45 PM

- Doors open @ 5:45~movie starts @ 6:00
- Popcorn/limited concession items avail to purchase for nominal cost
- Bring blankets/pillows for seating (limited chairs avail for those who need)

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 RDPSPD 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

Free Urgent Dental Screening For Children

Call the Johnstone Crossing Community Health
Centre at 403-356-6302 to see if your family qualifies.