



We are a NUT FREE School

Please refrain from sending nut products



Toujours amis...where friendships begin!

Newsletter October

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Month at OP

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

Tuesday, October 4

- Grade 2 & 3 Swim @ School (every Tues in Oct)

Wednesday, October 5

- Grade 4 & 5 Swim @ School (every Wed in Oct)
- Cilantro & Chive Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- Parent-Teacher interviews 4:00-6:00 pm

Thursday, October 6

- Parent-Teacher interviews 9:00am-5:00pm

Friday, October 7

- Staff Learning Day - No School for Students

Monday, October 10

- Thanksgiving- No School for Staff and Students

Tuesday, October 11

- Grade 2 & 3 Swim @ School (every Tues in Oct)

Wednesday, October 12

Grade 4 & 5 Swim @ School (every Wed in Oct)

Monday, October 17

- School Council meeting 3:45

Tuesday, October 18

- Grade 2 & 3 Swim @ School (every Tues in Oct)

Wednesday, October 19

- Grade 4 & 5 Swim @ School (every Wed in Oct)

Thursday, October 20

- **Hot Lunch Day - Quesada**

Friday, October 21

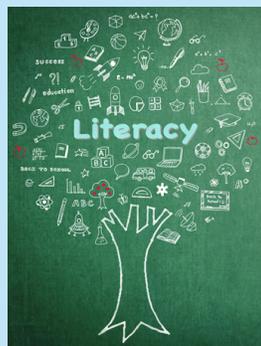
- OP Picture Day - details in newsletter

Tuesday, October 25

- Grade 2 & 3 Swim @ School (LAST Session)

Wednesday, October 26 (Digital Citizenship Day)

- Grade 4 & 5 Swim @ School (LAST Session)



How lucky are we that September was such a beautiful month for sunshine & warmth! As we look ahead to the fall months, our weather is substantially different from the cool mornings to the warm fall afternoons. Please ensure your child has layers of clothing that supply needed warmth from varying temperatures throughout the day. We go outside at least 3 times for recesses and often for Gym class too - they need to be dressed for the weather (including toques and light gloves right now).

If you follow us on FB & IG, you'll know that Parent Teacher interviews are coming up! Given how early in the year these are scheduled, the interviews are called "intake" interviews where parents share information about their child with the teacher(s) to ensure the best foundation for academic, social, and emotional support. When we work together as a team with the child's best interest at the core, then we provide that united effort to work hard for the child and help them succeed in school and in life. We look forward to seeing you in person, or via Google Meet or a phone call interview - whatever format suits your schedule best.

Now that you're in a routine with making lunches and snacks - it's a good time to check with your child that what you are sending is enough to fill them up and meets nutritional requirements. [The Canada Food Guide](#) is an excellent resource and has a wealth of information to help plan healthy lunches and snacks to children can learn. Let us know if you need help with providing lunch or snacks for your child.

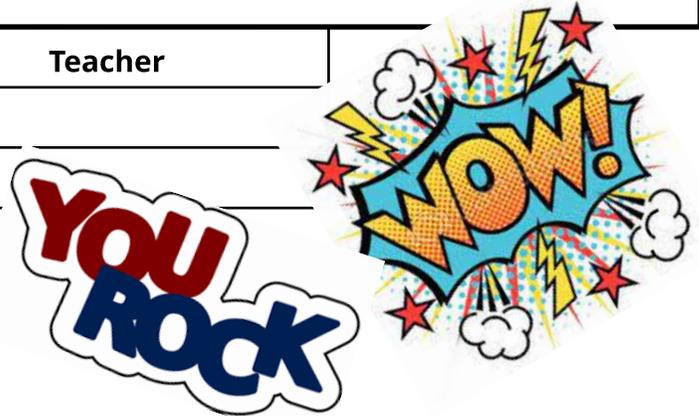
Lots happening at OP! Stay connected through the newsletter & social media!



STUDENT RECOGNITION

This will be the page where we celebrate & recognize our students for one of the RDPSD Values for Learning & Life: (Student names & values are celebrated on OPN News weekly, students receive a certificate from the Principal in class, and public recognition in the monthly newsletter (assuming no FOIP restrictions). Congratulations to all our Students who received an OP Student Recognition Certificate this month.

FIRST	Award	Grade	Teacher
Ayub	Respectful	5	Steele
Anastasia	Collaborative	5	Steele



Healthy Hunger

Hot Lunch Dates & Menu

- October 20: Quesada
- November 17: Opa
- December 15: Pizza Boxx
- January 19: Boston Pizza
- February 16: Edo
- March 23: State & Main
- April 20: Chopped Leaf
- May 18: Subway

Parent Teacher Interviews

OP Parent Teacher Interviews

October 5: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 October 6: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm



MAKE A BOOKING

ENTER CODE: **j7kwr**

NOTE: ALL LETTERS ARE Lower case: J7KWR

★ Click here to go to schoolinterviews.ca and click on "MAKE A BOOKING"

Order and pay ONLINE at:

healthyhunger.ca

Log in or create a new account and order for your child for the entire year!

Lunches are delivered and ready on the scheduled date!



Go to:

schoolinterviews.ca

Enter code: j7kwr

book with your child's teacher(s)

These are "intake interviews" where we share information about your child to provide the best learning experience we can - together.

Picture Day - Friday October 21



Lifetouch
PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Friday, October 21, 2022
Ecole Oriole Park Elementary School

What to Expect:

- Students are photographed on Picture Day
- Pictures are sent home with your child
- Review pictures & purchase on mylifetouch.ca

All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture requested by the school. Questions? Please contact Customer Service at 1.866.457.8212.

F2019FCAE © 2019 Lifetouch Canada LLC

SMILE! SAY CHEESE!!!!

Lifetouch Customer Care Contact:

If parents have any questions about their fall photos status, errors on their orders or how to place orders, please call our Lifetouch Customer Care line at **1.866.457.8212** or go to our ordering website, www.mylifetouch.ca

NEW Way of accessing your child's images online: Lifetouch Photography is excited to announce the launch of a new way to access photos online.

After much safety and security testing, Lifetouch developed a way for families to access their child's photo using their **student ID number**.

Go to our website at www.mylifetouch.ca, click on Student ID and follow the detailed instructions to view and order photos.

Swim @ School Sessions

We are up and "swimming" with our OP Swim @ School Sessions, in collaboration with the City of Red Deer (at the Rec Centre pool). Grade 2 & 3's go every Tuesday in October and Grade 4 & 5's go every Wednesday! Please ensure your child comes to school with their swim suit (preferably on if that is possible), a towel and a plastic bag for their wet gear on their swim day! Stop by the Rec Centre if you're able to watch the kids enjoy this activity!



Parent Volunteers at School

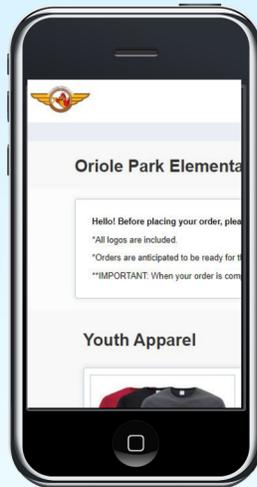
In order for parents to volunteer in the classroom or on a field trip, you must have an RCMP Criminal Record Check and provide **2 references to the school**. There is a \$5 fee required by the City of Red Deer for the Check. You can apply for the Criminal Record Check **online through the City of Red Deer**. You WILL require a letter from the school on District Letterhead to upload in your application for the Criminal Record Check. Sandy or Jacki will email you a digital copy of this letter for you to upload in your application upon your request. Please return the Criminal Record Check AND your 2 references to the Principal when everything is done. Thank you so much for helping out and volunteering with our students!



OP Branded Clothing

Get that OP School Spirit going!

Apparel Webstore



<https://opelementaryfall22.itemorder.com/>

Order Deadline: October 16th

Hosted by:  NORTH STAR SPORTS



North Star Sports will open the ONLINE OP Clothing Store on Monday October 3.

It will be open until October 16 for orders. We will have some sizes of clothing at OP School for parents to try on with their child on October 4, 5, & 6. This is NOT a fundraiser for our school, rather an opportunity for our families to wear the Oriole Logo with pride as we continue to build connections between home and school for our students.

Order & pay online. Items will come to OP School and we can send home with your child or simply call the office and we'll keep it here for you to pick up.

Order at:

<https://opelementaryfall22.itemorder.com>

Online store opens Oct 3

Online store closes Oct 16

Shipping approx Nov 5

WALKING FIELD TRIP FORM

Just a reminder to parents who have NOT done this yet - please log into your Parent PowerSchool portal and fill out any outstanding forms - including the Walking Field Trip Form. This allows your child's homeroom teacher to take the class for a walk that extends a couple blocks or so away from OP School. This allows greater opportunities to bring curriculum to life and real-world experiences for them. [Here is a link to a PDF for help if needed.](#) See Jacki or Sandy if you require any help.



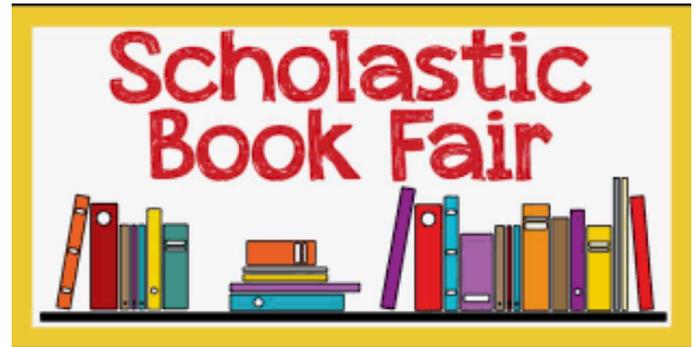
Scholastic Book Fair

This is the first in-school Scholastic Book Fair since October 2019!!! Yes -- it really has been 3 years!!! The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Library during Parent-Teacher interviews

Wednesday Oct. 5 from 4:00-6:00

Thursday Oct 6 from 9:00-5:00

There will also be a [VIRTUAL LINK](#) available for anyone who can not attend in person from October 4-7. Order online or in person! A portion of the sales gets returned to OP!



GRADE 5 FRENCH IMMERSION - CAPSTONE GARDEN PROJECT

Our Grade 5 French Immersion class was able to celebrate and "officially" receive the cheque in the amount of \$1,150 for winning both the Grand Prize (\$1000) and a Tertiary Prize (\$150) in the Queen's Jubilee Contest last Spring. Unfortunately, with the passing of Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the original date for their presentation had to be postponed to honour the mourning period.

On Sept 23, we were able to officially present the cheque to 5BR as they continued their work and volunteering at the Capstone Gardens in Cronquist Business Park. 5BR has Jr. Achievement and a Bank Representative come into their class as guest speakers to help them navigate the Financial Literacy component of their project. What a great hands on learning and life lessons happening in our classrooms! Congratulations to 5BR.



[Here is the Red Deer News Now Article Link](#)



Halloween 2022

Halloween is Monday, October 31.

As in our pre-C-19 years, we will be doing an **AFTERNOON ONLY** Halloween Activity on Monday Oct 31 from 1:15 - 3:25 (in classrooms and a parade through the school)



Students can bring a costume they can easily get into on their own after lunch (please refrain from sending accessories that could get lost or broken and absolutely **NO** guns, swords, knives, or similar "weapon-style" paraphernalia allowed). The morning will be a regular learning day without costumes - please ensure your child is able to put their costume on by themselves for the afternoon!

Parents can come around 1:30 (Grades K-2) and 2:30 (Grades 3-5) and head to the gym. We will do a parade of students in their costumes for you to see and take pictures. Morning Kindergarten parents can come at 11:15 (just slightly early for pickup) for their parade and pick up your child right after. Homeroom teachers will communicate with parents as to classroom activities that afternoon and determine if any volunteers are required.

DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

We love your pooches & kitty kats..... but unfortunately, not all children (or parents) are able to enjoy animals. We have many children with allergies to animals and some that are simply terrified of dogs.

As you drop off and/or pick up your child from OP School - if you include a dog-walk in your day, we simply ask that you remain off the school property (outside the fenceline) so all our children feel safe and secure. Animals and children can be unpredictable and the combination of the two of them has the potential to lead to what could be an unfortunate situation.

Thank you for your understanding and attention to this in helping keep our children safe!

PD DAY CAMP

403-341-6110

No School! No Problem.

P.D. Day

STEM CAMP

Oct 7th, 2022 - The schools will close for "Staff Learning Day" and Sylvan Learning Centre of Red Deer has planned a day of Robotics with Lego™, Lua Hacking Minetest™, Game Coding with Scratch™, FreeCAD™ 3D Design with 3d Printing and Digital Art with Animation.

<https://www.reddeersylvanlearning.ca/collections/p-d-day-day-camps>

Also check out these fun after school classes.

Robotics 3D Printing Coding with Scratch Coding with Python Animation

<https://www.reddeersylvanlearning.ca/collections/after-school-s-t-e-m-classes>



Parent Page(s) of Premium Particulars

Seeking a Lead on Building Garden Boxes!

**With HUGE thanks to:
Creative Concrete
Knelsen Sand & Gravel
Precision Bobcat Services**

who worked so hard and donated a large portion of the sod clearing and concrete (product) and labour for our Medicine Wheel Circle!!!! This will enhance our First Nations, Metis, Inuit teachings and provide a wonderful teaching space for our students.

We are now ready to build our outdoor raised garden boxes. However, this takes someone with knowledge and hopefully experience - so the boxes will withstand Alberta weather and will be strong and sturdy for years to come.

Our fundraising efforts over the last 2 years will (hopefully) cover the cost of materials, but we are seeking some parents who can help organize a work bee and begin the building of the boxes so our students can utilize the space and learn concepts in Science, Math, Social Studies and Physical Fitness - as well as utilize the teachings around the Medicine Wheel circle.

If this is something you can help with, please contact [Lori Irvine, Principal](#) or call the main office so we have a conversation about next steps.





Parent Page(s) of Premium Particulars

New Curriculum

With the implementation of the new curriculum in Grades K-3 English Language Arts and Mathematics, please find linked below documents for parents to access the "curriculum at a glance" so you know what concepts your child is learning in Literacy and Numeracy at each Grade level:

English Language Arts	Mathematics
Kindergarten ELA	Kindergarten Math
Grade 1 ELA	Grade 1 Math
Grade 2 ELA	Grade 2 Math
Grade 3 ELA	Grade 3 Math

SEEKING OP FAMILIES WHO HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY

As our OP Staff Committee prepares for the Remembrance Day Ceremony, we welcome our Oriole Park Families to share pictures and a brief biography of family members who have served or are currently serving in the Military in the country in which they served.

In order to bring a sense of family and community to our students, it has more meaning and impact when their classmates families, teachers, and/or school staff have loved ones that give to their country in such a service.

Please contact [Mrs. Irvine](#) or [Mme Josee](#) if you want more information or would be willing to share a picture and a short biography of a family member so we can help teach our students the importance of Remembrance Day through family connections. Thank you for considering.



STAY INFORMED - COMMUNICATION

School Website ~ Class Webpages ~ Newsletters ~ Social Media

Our [OP School Website](#) is our primary source of communication between the school and home. Please ensure you check out the [OP Website](#) regularly. You can also follow us on Facebook (@OrioleParkElementaryRDP) &/or Instagram (Ecole_Oriole_Park_School)

Each homeroom teacher hosts a [class website](#) and most also have a Google Classroom. Please connect with your child's homeroom teacher for their G Classroom Link. If your child is going to be absent for any extended period of time, please connect with their homeroom teacher to stay updated on the material they will miss and the format for completing vital work.



Coats for Kids & Families

OP School is happy to collect Coats for Kids & Families on behalf of the United Way of Central Alberta and donate to those in need.

We will set out a bin after Thanksgiving - from Oct 12 - 26.

All donated coats will be taken for cleaning and then donated to those in need in our community.

Red Deer 2nd Annual Powwow

Save the Date!

Join the Red Deer community at the

[2nd Annual Powwow Times International Gathering](#)

Oct 14 - 16, 2022



Parent Links - Resources - Information

Links to camps & information of interest to parents:

- [Little Rockets - Basketball](#) - Boys & Girls Grades 1 - 6 starting Oct 16

OP Contact Information:



403-347-3731



op@rdpsd.ab.ca



oriolepark.rdpsd.ab.ca



403-347-3735

opinfo@rdpsd.ab.ca

or use the Parent App



5 Oldbury Street
RED DEER AB
T4N 2A8



Digital Citizenship Day -
October 26

IF YOU
WOULDN'T
SAY IT
TO THEIR
FACE, DON'T
POST IT ON
SOCIAL MEDIA.



School Council Corner

School Council Meetings

Our next meeting will take place

IN PERSON (OP Library)

On Monday, October 17

3:45 pm

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

OP School Council

welcomes all parents to our meetings so you have a voice and can stay informed on what is happening at your child's school. We look forward to a wonderful working relationship with our families and OP Staff.



IMPORTANT Links for Parents

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

[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.