



**We are a NUT FREE School**  
**Please refrain from sending nut products**



Toujours amis...where friendships begin!

# Newsletter

# February

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### This Month at OP

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

#### February 1-19

- Reading Challenge continues

#### Tuesday, February 7

- Ski Loppet-Riverbend Golf Course

#### Mon Feb 13 - Fri Feb 17

- Random Acts of Kindness Week

#### Tuesday, February 14

- Valentine's Day
- Ski Loppet alternate date

#### Thursday, February 16

- Hot Lunch-Edo order through Healthy Hunger
- **Pink Shirt Day** - wear your **PINK Shirt** today!

#### Friday, February 17

- No school for students- Staff Learning Day

#### Monday, February 20

- No school-Family Day

#### Tuesday & Wednesday, February 21-22

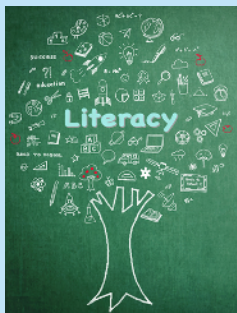
- No school-Winter Break

#### Thursday & Friday, February 23-24

- No School- Teacher's Convention

#### Monday, February 27

- Classes resume



Thank you to all the parents who have been able to stop by the school / skate shack to help tie skates for our Skating Unit in PE! This means that students have a lot more time out on the ice learning / practicing their skating skills! We had great weather in January for our skating unit and we hope that continues as we skate until February 16.

Our OP Reading Challenge is going strong and almost every student is participating and handing in their completion tickets. This is wonderful and we are so happy to see children reading at home and developing a love of literacy, reading, and ultimately, learning. This is a skill that will serve them well as they continue their educational path!

As we approach the half-way point in the year, I'd like to take this opportunity to send a HUGE THANK YOU to our morning Breakfast Program staff. Parent Volunteer Micheline Paquette along with our CLW Miss Carla and Student Support Room EA Shauna Keful make up the regular daily duties of breakfast & snack preparation and delivering it to the classrooms prior to student arrival. They begin their morning at 8 am in the OP kitchen and work hard preparing healthy & nutritious breakfast items and snacks for almost 100 children daily. Back up EA's Lori Stepler, Marie Van Criekingen and Sarah Dooley are always ready to lend a hand if and when needed, so thank you to those wonderful people too!

OP School received a Thank You note from the Red Deer Christmas Bureau in January. Passing along their note of Thanks to the OP Staff, Students, and Parents who supported the Christmas Bureau this past holiday season - they were able to make sure 793 children woke up on Christmas morning to presents under the tree. Furthermore, our own OP Food Drive delivered over 20 hampers to families to ensure they had food over the holiday season. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated to help those in need.

With this school year at its half-way point, we want to thank parents for your commitment to your child's education. Attendance is a key element in student learning, so thank you for ensuring your child is here each day!

# Alberta Ed Assurance Survey

Each year in February, Alberta Education sends out their [Assurance Survey](#) to allow parents to have a voice in how your child's school is doing. This anonymous parent survey provides us with important information on the areas where YOU believe we are doing well in and areas where we could improve. Although the [surveys](#) are anonymous, there is a random access code for you to use that correlates to Oriole Park School so the data (your responses) are tied to our school where your child attends. Principals do NOT have access to individual responses - all information goes to Alberta Ed. Alberta Education will be mailing the survey to parents of students in Grades 4 & 5 after Feb 6. The survey is open until March 3rd. [See a SAMPLE of the survey & questions here.](#)

Students in Grade 4 & 5 will complete the student survey within the next 2 weeks in their homeroom class. Teachers will complete a teacher survey at the February Staff Learning Day.

[Here are the FAQ's](#) from the Gov't of Alberta on the [Assurance Survey](#).

If you require the survey in a language other than English, please [contact Mrs. Irvine](#) @ the Main Office at OP School and I would be happy to help you.

Survey questions cover topics in broad areas such as: Student Growth & Achievement, Teaching & Learning, Learning Supports & Governance.

## Reading Challenge - Half Done!

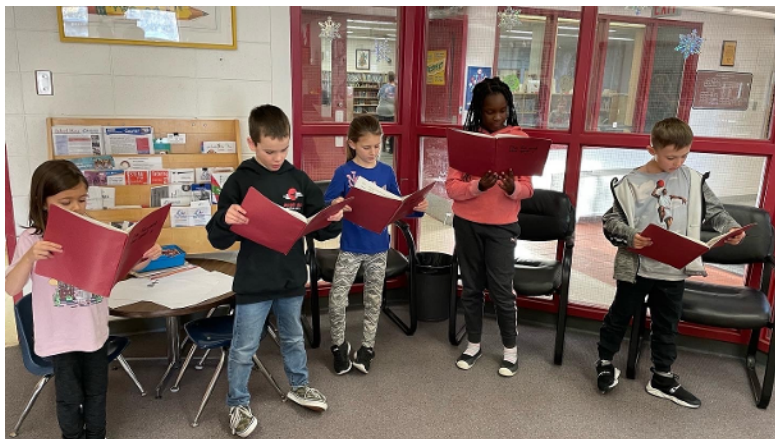
Literacy is not only a goal within our school, but also an over-arching Red Deer Public School goal for all students. January saw our annual Reading Challenge begin, hosted by OP Admin, which encourages OP Students and Families to get involved. The challenge is currently underway and runs until Feb 19 (with the week of Winter Break following Feb 19, students will have lots of time to meet their weekly reading goal and/or catch up on any missed evenings of reading!

When students meet their weekly goals of 105 minutes (Gr K-2) or 210 minutes (Gr 3-5), they qualify for prizes. We encourage parents to set up a nice comfy area in the house that invites children to sit and read in comfort with good lighting and a great atmosphere. Make it fun and when the whole family gets involved, it promotes literacy and learning for everyone. Talk about the book(s) after to increase comprehension skills for students. Have them talk about the moral of the story and how it can apply to real life. These are all important skills in reading & literacy.

We will do a whole-school celebration at the end of the Reading Challenge with hot dogs, juice box & cookies. Thank you for encouraging literacy in your home and in your children!



# CELEBRATING OP STUDENTS!

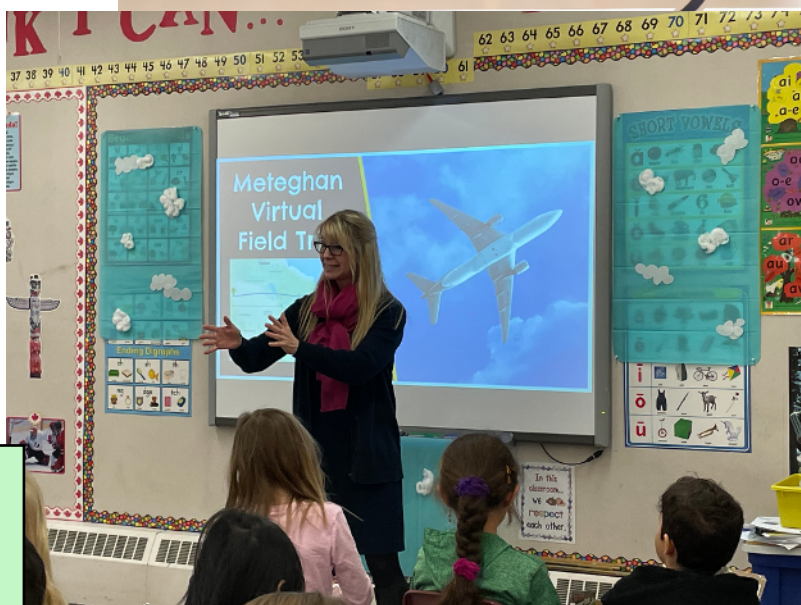


Grade 3 - Reader's Theatre  
#curious #collaborative

5BR Donates to OP PE Program!  
#respectful #responsible #healthy



Skating in PE Unit for all Grades!  
#resilient #collaborative #healthy



2BQ uses real life experiences to change the classroom into an airport  
#curious #collaborative #justplainfun



OP School Assembly where learning and fun meet and citizenship lessons are taught!  
#curious #collaborative #respectful #healthy



## 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.

New to our District is BrightSpace - [Here](#) is the parent guide. Parents can sign up for BrightSpace and follow all your children's progress on the SAME platform.

### Grade 5 Basketball - coming soon!

After the Ski Loppet, we will begin to organize the GRADE 5 Basketball program. Students in Grade 5 will practice at noon for a few weeks and then have a culmination tournament near the end of March - date & time TBD (likely at Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School). More information to follow after the Ski Loppet is completed.

### Parent Links - Resources - Information



### Family Day Weekend Family Discount Family Fun!

Red Deer Public Schools is the game night sponsor on February 17

## JOIN US!

Scan the QR code and use the code  
RDPSD to receive \$4 off on each ticket



### Young Writers' & Creators' Conference

On May 19, 2023, OP will once again host the 32nd Annual Young Writers' & Creators' Conference for budding Grade 5 writers & artists.

If there are any parents who would be willing to volunteer that day, please contact Jacki or Sandy at the Main Office.

If you have a business where you would be willing to donate coupons or small prizes for the student's welcome/registration package, we would also be willing to accept anything appropriate for Grade 5 students for their welcome package.

Please contact the OP Main Office.



**WINTER PROGRAMS**  
3 SUNDAYS | FEB 12 19 26

**NEXUS VOLLEYBALL**

VOLLEYSMALLS | BOYS & GIRLS GR 3-5  
VOLLEYSMART | BOYS & GIRLS GR 6-8

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH HS FIELD HOUSE REGISTER ONLINE: [nexusvolleyball.com/shop](http://nexusvolleyball.com/shop)

**ROCKET BASKETBALL WINTER TRAINING**

BOYS & GIRLS  
GRADES 6-9  
FEB 12 19 26

VENUE: CAMILLE J. LEROUGE REGISTER: [rocketbasketball.ca/shop](http://rocketbasketball.ca/shop)



### Way to go 5BR!

Mme Beebe & Mme Rudes' Grade 5 French Immersion Homeroom won the Queen's Jubilee Contest last spring and secured winnings of \$1150. After multiple guest speakers from Junior Achievement & ATB Financial, the class decided how to spend their "winnings" - including donating a portion of their proceeds (\$287) back to Capstone Gardens where they volunteer. WAY TO GO 5BR!



# École Oriole Park School ~ February 2023



RED DEER NATIVE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY  
YOUTH PROGRAM



CREATE A SUN CATCHER

FEBRUARY 4TH 2023

1 TO 3PM

4808 51 AVE

AGES 10 - 24

RING BUZZER



## The Red Deer Native Friendship Society Youth Program

Is so excited to be partnering with  
the youth drop-in at the YMCA, and  
offering Indigenous programming

When? Every Friday at 3 pm

Where? YMCA: 6391 76 street

Cost? Free!

This Friday is Indigenous Games!

Bring your running shoes!



Red Deer Public will hold its community engagement  
from January 10 - February 6 around the day to day  
experiences for students and our Division priorities.

Visit [rdpsd.ab.ca](http://rdpsd.ab.ca) for more!



ALBERTA TEAM HANDBALL FEDERATION

# TEAM HANDBALL TRY IT DAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY  
4TH, 2023

OPEN TO KIDS AGES 10-16

Cost is FREE

9-11 am - Skill development

11-12 - Coaching clinic

12-2 - Games

Hunting Hills High School -  
150 Lockwood Ave, Red Deer



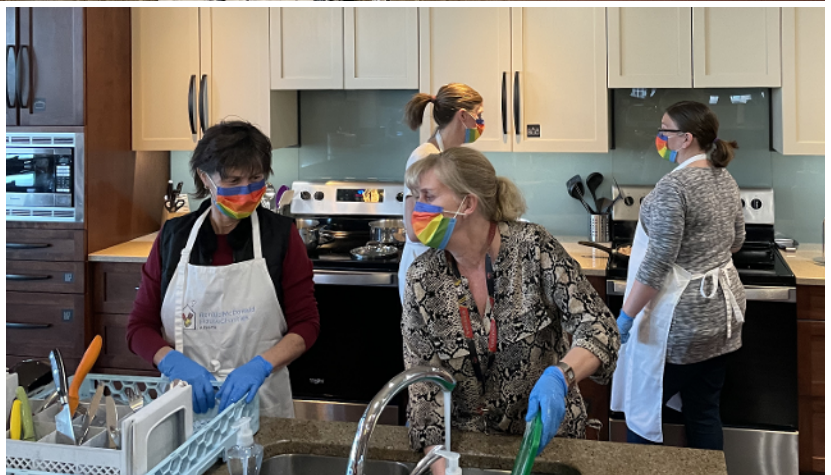
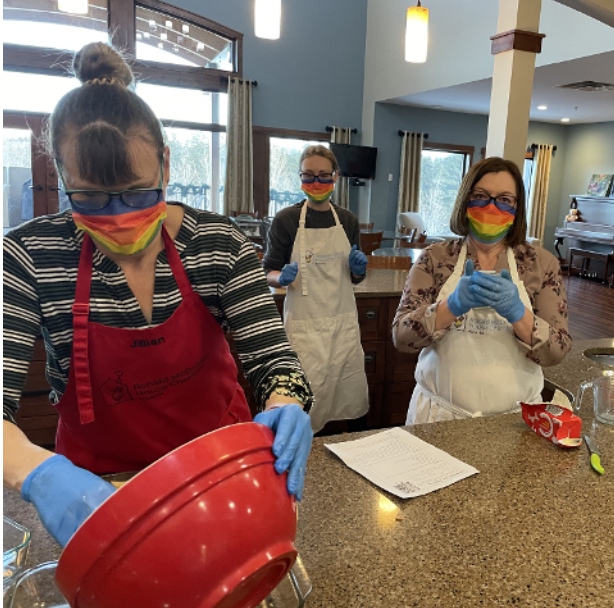
Contact

[info@albertateamhandball.com](mailto:info@albertateamhandball.com)  
for more information



# OP Staff Volunteers at RMH Home for Dinner Program

January 26, 2023 - Nine members of the OP Staff volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House Home for Dinner Program. Such a worthy cause for families with sick children - we cooked a meal for 15+ people, served them dinner, and packaged up the leftovers to freeze for families who need to stay at the hospital with their sick children. It was a wonderful and amazing experience to be able to give back to one of Red Deer's very worthy charities.



[Ronald McDonald House Home for Dinner Volunteer Information](#)



## STUDENT RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following amazing OP students for being recognized & celebrated for demonstrating 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 past month. Way to go Orioles!!!

FIRST	Award	Grade	Teacher
Adam	Curious	K	Mme Kuziak
Tolkien	Collaborative	K	Mme Kuziak
Keelie	Collaborative	K	Mme Kuziak
Edward	Responsible	2	Mme Konan
Alec	Respectful	2	Mme Konan
Cecilia	Collaborative	2	Mme Konan
Benjamin	Respectful	1	Mrs. Beurerlein
Tobias	Responsible	1	Mrs. Beurerlein
Oakleigh	Resilient	1	Mrs. Beurerlein
Chloe	Healthy	1	Mrs. Beurerlein
Sloane	Responsible	1	Mrs. Salomons
Abdul	Resilient	1	Mrs. Salomons
Rylen	Respectful	3	Mme Ruest & Mrs. Kuziak
Chance	Curious	3	Mme Ruest & Mrs. Kuziak
Shaymaa	Responsible	3	Mme Ruest & Mrs. Kuziak
Brynley	Resilient	3	Mme Kayla
Ryence	Respectful	3	Mme Kayla
Rayen	Curious	3	Mme Kayla
Mihran	Collaborative	4	Mrs. Tuazon-King
Brendon	Resilient	4	Mrs. Tuazon-King
Kyle	Healthy	5	Mrs. Tuazon-King
Isabella	Respectful	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Sabah	Curious	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge





FIRST	Award	Grade	Teacher
Simon	Collaborative	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Wacey	Responsible	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Corbin	Resilient	3	Mme Boissonneault-Empey
Ardith	Curious	3	Mme Boissonneault-Empey
Mia	Collaborative	4	Mme Boissonneault-Empey
Avery	Resilient	K	Ms. Baird
Sabreen	Curious	K	Ms. Baird
Ainsley	Respectful	K	Ms. Baird
Peyton	Responsible	4	Mme Boissonneault-Empey
Willem	Respectful	1	Mrs. Salomons
Hayat	Resilient	1	Mrs. Salomons
Halen	Healthy	3	Ms. Weststrate
Alif	Respectful	3	Ms. Weststrate
Macklin	Respectful	3	Ms. Weststrate
Yanna	Responsible	2	Mrs. Quirk & Mrs. Beirsto
Marley	Responsible	2	Mrs. Quirk & Mrs. Beirsto
Miles	Curious	2	Mrs. Quirk & Mrs. Beirsto
Bishop	Respectful	2	Mrs. Quirk & Mrs. Beirsto
Uriah	Respectful	3	Mme Ruest & Mme Kuziak
Bailasan	Responsible	3	Mme Ruest & Mme Kuziak
Phoenix	Collaborative	3	Mme Ruest & Mme Kuziak



## OP Contact Information:



403-347-3731



op@rdpsd.ab.ca



[oriolepark.rdpsd.ab.ca](http://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

#### Nine Elements of Digital Citizenship

Respect for self and others	Law	Access	Digital Etiquette
	Digital Literacy	Communication	Commerce
	Security	Rights and Responsibilities	Health and Wellness

©2020 Let's Talk Science

## School Council Corner

### School Council Meetings

**Our next meeting will take place  
IN PERSON (OP Library)**

**On Monday, February 27, 2023**

**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](mailto: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.

