



ORIOLE PARK



NEWSLETTER

May | 2023

Toujours amis where friendships begin

Message from the Office

The old adage that 'time flies' is certainly applicable today! We now have NINE weeks of school left this year and so much to pack into that time!

Our Math A Thon was a HUGE success again this year – thanks to the incredible support of our wonderful OP Families and friends!!! More information to read on Math A Thon in the newsletter!

The first week of May is filled with lots of activities – Tim Hortons has moved their Smile Cookie Campaign to the Spring so May 1 – 7 is RDPSD Smile Cookie week supporting Literacy for the Reading College and other initiatives the the RDPSD Foundation supports. Please buy a cookie – or a dozen to share with others – to support the campaign!

May 1 – 5 is also Education Week, so our students will be engaged in lots of activities that highlights the importance of education and celebrates the community of learning in our school.

This week is also **Mental Health Awareness Week** and Wednesday will be Hats on for Mental Health! Pick your favorite hat and show your support for Mental Health!

School Council is planning a number of year end activities and helping out with our Field Day in June. Please read through the newsletter to stay updated on upcoming Family Events providing opportunities for you to meet other OP students and families and build connections!



Upcoming Events

- School Council Meeting
- School Council Family Dance
- Family Fun Night at the Park
- Math A Thon Prize Dates – TBD
- Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign
- Education Week
- Grow Kids
- Young Writers' & Creators' Conference

Important Dates

- May 1 | CMS Late French Immersion Info Night
- May 3 | Hats on for Mental Health
- May 4 | Grade 6 Orientation
- May 8 – 12 | Eat the Rainbow
- May 12 | Aloha Fun Run (in PE Class)
- May 12 | Beach Day
- May 15 | School Council Meeting
- May 17 | Grow Kids
- May 18 | Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch – Subway
- May 18 | School Council Family Dance
- May 19 | Young Writers' and Creators' Conf.
- May 25 | AMA Patroller Year End Celebration
- May 29 | School Council Family Nite @ the Park
- Math A Thon Prize Dates – still to be determined throughout May.

Student Recognition

Congratulations to the following amazing OP Students for being recognized and celebrated for demonstrating one of the RDPSSD Values for Learning & Life. (Student names & values are celebrated on OP 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!!!*

RESPECTFUL

Zakkary ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Logan ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Hadley ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Yanna ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Quirk
Bridget ~ Gr 2 ~ Mme Konan
Adelaide ~ Gr ~ Mme Konan
Lujein ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Weststrate
Quinn ~ Gr 3 ~ Ruest/Kuziak
Kaysen ~ Gr 4 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King
Jori ~ Gr 4 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King
Axel ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse

CURIOUS

Payten ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Liam ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Scarlett ~ Gr K ~ Mme Kuziak
Askur ~ Gr K ~ Mme Kuziak
Maxx ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Quirk
Brayden ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak
Sasha ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Phoebe
Omar ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Phoebe
Kage ~ Gr 4 ~ Mrs. Steele
Nasma ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse
Jackson ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse
Maria ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse
Jackson ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse
Evander ~ Gr 5 ~ Mme Beebe & Rudge



COLLABORATIVE

Kyliann ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak
Grace ~ Gr 2 ~ Ms. Stemmler
Kaitlyn ~ Gr 2 ~ Ms. Stemmler
Chloe ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Weststrate
Daniel ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak
Porter ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse
Bayan ~ Gr 5 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King
Annabelle ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault
Madison ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault
Londyn ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault
Matthew ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault

RESPONSIBLE

Grayson ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Mason ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Quirk
Nicole ~ Gr 2 ~ Ms. Stemmler
Adam ~ Gr 2 ~ Mme Konan
Talal ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak
Gavin ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Weststrate
Curtis ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse
Catheryn ~ Gr 5 ~ Mme Beebe et Rudge

RESILIENT

Griffin ~ Gr K ~ Mme Kuziak
Brantley ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Quirk
Arianna ~ Gr 3 ~ Ms. Weststrate
Sadie ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak
Scarlett ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak
Bobby Joe ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse
Kaleb ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse
Logan ~ Gr 5 ~ Mme Beebe et Rudge
Quin ~ Gr 5 ~ Mme Beebe et Rudge

HEALTHY

James ~ Gr 4 ~ Mrs. Steele
Rafif ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse



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Tim Hortons Smile Cookies

Yes - we did already have a Smile Cookie campaign in the Fall, but Tim Hortons moved the campaign to the Spring now (better staffing scenarios), so please consider buying the Smile Cookies to support the RDPSSD Reading College and other student initiatives that benefit all RDPSSD students! May 1 - 7 - visit any TH Location and buy cookies!!!

Large Group Health

Students were gathered in the Gym last week to cover concepts on Facing Big Challenges and how to overcome them!

- Know your fears - time to face them
- Have a positive attitude
- Take one small step at a time
- Have a plan
- Ask for help / support
- Your feelings are valid!



MATH A THON

OP School runs one major fundraiser each year and this year, it was our Math A Thon. Our goal was \$8000, but once again, our OP families went above and beyond and we are so thrilled to announce that we surpassed our expected goal and hit an all-time high of \$ 11, 068!!! This allows us to purchase new library books, furniture for our Learning Commons, and soil & supplies for our Outdoor Garden. We will cost out these items and see if we have enough to then purchase some more cross country skis for our Phys Ed program. Thank you to ALL the families who worked so hard to solicit pledges & donations for our Math A Thon! The students had fun solving math challenges, working on their numeracy skills, and collaborating together to work toward a common goal. Our Math A Thon committee will meet this week to solidify the dates for our Math A Thon prizes (both classroom based and school based!) We will keep you posted & informed on these through our school calendar/website.



Bus Information



Applications for the 2023/2024 school year will be ready after May 1st. To access the application, look for 2023-2024 Charter Transportation Application in SchoolEngage once you log into your Parent Power School account. It's on the left hand side. Please call the school if you have any questions.



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RSVP – Power School

PowerSchool is fundamental to our school operation - it houses all the data we require to ensure your child's educational information is in alignment with Alberta Education and as your child goes through the school system, this information is critical to their goal of graduation. The information in PowerSchool is also important in the event of an emergency situation - so we ensure we are contacting parents / guardians at the correct numbers or sending information to the correct emails.

IT IS TIME TO UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION IN POWER SCHOOL!

Please [log into your parent portal](#) and click on the RSVP to ensure we have all the updated information on you & your child!

Young Writers' and Creators' Conference

It's been a couple years now since we've been able to host this, but May of 2023 welcomes back the 32nd Annual Young Writers' and Creators' Conference. Grade 5 and 6 students from across Red Deer Public Schools are invited to OP to take part in a series of workshops with authors, poets, writers, artists, and creators from across Alberta to enhance their literacy and creativity skills.

If you happen to own a business and have the ability to donate something to either the conference as a door prize for the students or something small for each of their registrations packages, we would welcome your donation! For many students, this will be the first conference they have ever attended and we hope they are as excited to attend as we are to host!

The YWCC has a rich history in our school and students have fond memories of attending! Many of our presenters have been presenting for multiple years and look forward to enriching the lives of our aspiring young writers!

Grow Kids! ~~ May 17

Red Deer Public School District is happy to host the Grade 5 Grow Kids event in person this year! After being virtual for the last 2 years, Grade 5 students will head to the GH Dawe (boys) or Collicutt Centre (girls) to engage in a variety of activities that promote health & wellness. Please ensure you have signed the Field Trip for your Grade 5 Student!



OP Values: Healthy!



Plan Ahead!
May 8 - 12

Each day from May 8 - 12, we are encouraging our students to "Eat the Rainbow" - bring at least one food item in their lunch that matches the choice of the day:

Monday - red

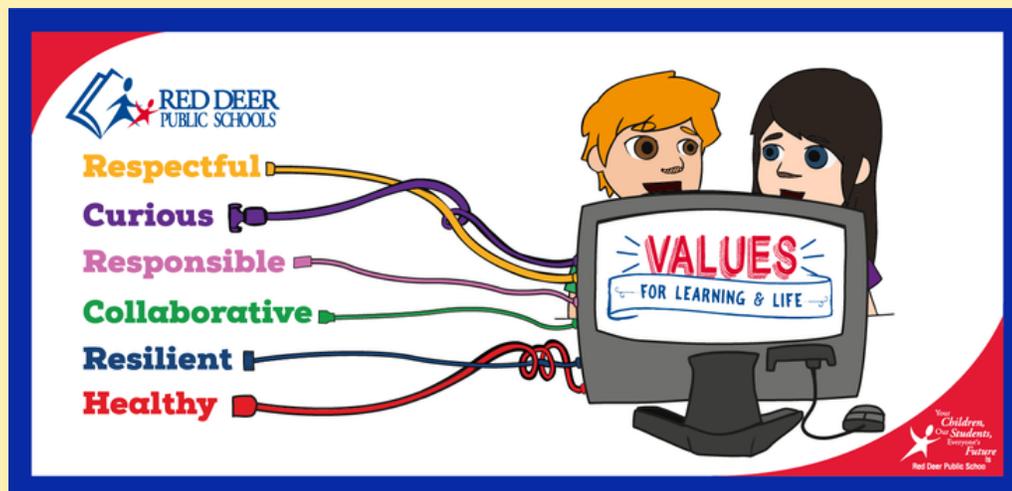
Tuesday - orange

Wednesday - yellow

Thursday - green

Friday - purple / blue

Students will bring fruits or vegetables in their lunches that matches the colour of the day. At snack & lunch eating times, teachers will count how many snacks are that day's colour and take the total and divide it by the number of students they have. Homeroom 4H (Mr. Hart) will track this & the winning class will receive a small prize! Once the week is finished on the following Monday 4H will be making healthy fruit smoothies for all the classes at OP to drink during their lunch time.



Community Connections



Going into grade 6? Need a challenge? Want to learn French?
École Intermédiaire Central Middle School offers grade 6
Late French Immersion!

Late French Immersion gives English-speaking children the
opportunity to learn the French language.

For more information, please contact:

Central Middle School 403-346-4397

central@rdpsd.ab.ca

Website:www.central.rdpsd.ab.ca

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FAMILY
INFORMATION EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY
1ST AT CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM
6PM-7PM IN THE LEARNING COMMONS.**

Grade 6 Orientation

Thursday - May 4

Students in grade 5 designated for Central Middle School will be bused to CMS for Grade 6 Orientation in the afternoon of Thurs May 4.

Students designated for other Middle Schools have been contacted via email as to the status of Gr 6 Orientation at those Middle Schools.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

School Council Family Dance

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday May 18 ~ 5:30 - 7:00 pm



OP School Council welcomes all OP families to a Spring Fling FAMILY Dance.

There will be a Silent Auction along with a DJ to get things shaking! Students must have at least one parent/guardian in attendance with them to enjoy an evening of dance and fun! Please contact Nicole to donate to the silent auction:

nlydiard1@gmail.com

Family Night at the Park

Monday May 29 ~ 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Enjoy another wonderful evening with your family as OP School Council hosts a Family Night at the Park.

5:30 - 6:00 - Socializing & light treats from School Council

6:00 - 7:00 - Mantracker with Mrs. Terrenzio

(Hot dogs will NOT be served this year, so please plan accordingly)



RAIDERS BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 3-7 2023

Lindsay Thurber's basketball program has a long tradition of excellence. Many of our athletes have gone on to play basketball at the post secondary level and many more young men and women have played in the men's and women's leagues all over the province. Our hope is to inspire young athletes to play basketball for life.

RAIDERS BASKETBALL CAMP

The Raider Basketball Camp will be 5 days this year. It promises to be a fun filled week of skills and games.

We ask that each participant be dressed properly for basketball activity:

- shorts°
- T-shirt°
- running shoes
- hair tie for long hair
- water bottle
- snack°



GRADE 1 & 2

Date: July 3 - July 7
 Time: 9:30-11:30 am
 Age: Entering Grade 1 or 2
 Gender: Co-ed
 Skill Level: No experience necessary
 Cost: \$60
 (20 participant maximum)

GRADE 3, 4 & 5

Date: July 3 - July 7
 Time: 9:00am -12:00 pm
 Age: Entering Grade 3, 4 or 5
 Gender: Co-ed
 Skill Level: No experience necessary
 Cost: \$75
 (40 participant maximum)



GRADE 6 & 7

Date: July 3 - July 7
 Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Age: Entering Grade 6 or 7
 Gender: Co-ed
 Skill Level: No experience necessary
 Cost: \$75
 (40 participant maximum)

GRADE 8 & 9

Date: July 3 - July 7
 Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Age: Entering Grade 8 or 9
 Gender: Co-ed
 Skill Level: Beginner-Advanced
 Cost: \$75
 (30 participant maximum)



SAVE
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DATE

Upcoming Event

Parents Night of Excellence

The evening session will include:
A brief introduction of the Central Alberta Child Advocacy Centre and it's Centre of Excellence and what that entails.
Followed by a presentation on:

The 4 and 7 of Trauma
This session will provide an overview of the Four Pillars and Seven Principles of Trauma. Trauma plays a key role as an obstacle in the ability for a student to learn. Dean and Lee will help you understand how the 4 and 7 can be implemented in either your home, personal life or work organizations. They believe that everyone needs to understand the pillars and principles before the are able to effectively support children and youth who are experiencing trauma.

Presenters:

Mark Jones-CEO of CACAC
Dean Pasiuk – Director of Education
Lee Caine – Education Program Coordinator



Mattie McCullough School
Gymnasium
26 Lawford Ave



Wednesday, May 10th, 2023
Doors Open: 6:45 pm
Presentation: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Register by May 8th at:

mattieschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Come and join us!



Central Alberta
Child Advocacy Centre



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or use [Parent App](#)



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Quick Parent Links

[OP Parent Info - Website](#)

[Healthy Hunger](#)

[Volunteering in RDPSD Schools](#)

School Council Corner

School Council Meetings:

Our next meeting will take place on:

Monday May 15, 2023

3:45 PM

OP Library



ALL OP Parents are welcome to attend.

Please join our Oriole Park School Parents & School 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.

OP School Council email: op-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca

School Council Fundraiser: HealthyHunger.ca

