



We are a NUT FREE School

Please refrain from sending nut products



Toujours amis...where friendships begin!

Newsletter

November

This Month at OP

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

Tuesday, November 1

- City of Red Deer Fire Department - Fire Safety Presentation to Grade 3's

Friday, November 4

- Earth Rangers Virtual Presentation - Full School

Tuesday, November 8

- 10:20 AM - Remembrance Day Ceremony (Gym)

Wednesday, November 9 - Sunday, November 13

- Fall Break - No School for Staff & Students

Friday, November 11

- Remembrance Day National Holiday

Monday, November 14 - Friday Dec 2

- OP Food Drive for Christmas Hampers for OP Families in need (through homeroom classes)

Thursday, November 17

- Hot Lunch Day - Pre-order through Healthy Hunger (Today is: OPA)

Friday, November 18

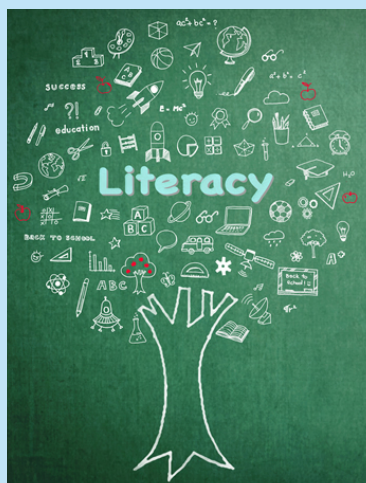
- Staff Learning Day - No School for Students

Monday, November 21

- School Council Meeting - 3:45 PM (Library)

Tuesday, November 22

- OP Picture Retake Day (AM)



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we wrap up a beautiful Alberta Autumn and approach November with cooler temperatures, we know that the weather will sometimes catch us off guard. Take this time to check your child's warmer winter gear and make sure they have appropriate layers of warmth to dress in for the cooler days ahead! Please contact the school if you need help with any warm, winter gear!

Our School Council has been busy organizing fundraisers and are now ready to roll. [Healthy Hunger](#) has been organized for the year and you can order for the full year online! The [Purdy's Fundraiser](#) is preparing to launch and the [Growing Smiles Poinsettia & Christmas Plant Fundraiser](#) is also ready to go! Please see more details in the newsletter or click on any of the links to order and support programs at OP School!

November brings us closer to the holiday season and after the Fall Break, we will start our OP Food Drive. If there are good sales on grocery items that you have the ability to donate to the Food Hamper Drive in November, we would be grateful for your support. It takes a community to look after each other and we have many families in need this holiday season. When many people donate even a little, it adds up to help out those who are in challenging financial circumstances.

Thank you to all the parents who help out at OP in little and in big ways! It makes such a difference and we know that when we work together, it builds a community of respect and caring that our children learn from and thrive within. Thank you all. Take care of yourselves and your families and please contact the school if we can help you/your child/your family in any way.



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
Farima	Respectful	K	Ms. Baird
Callie	Respectful	K	Ms. Baird
Amelia	Respectful	K	Ms. Baird
Aubree	Respectful	K	Ms. Baird
Walid	Responsible	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Colten	Responsible	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Hana	Respectful	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Nathan	Curious	5	Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge
Akhil	Curious	2	Mme Konan
Juniper	Resilient	2	Mme Konan
Owen	Responsible	4	Mr. Hart
Thomas	Curious	3	Ms. Weststrate
Kheanne	Responsible	3	Ms. Weststrate
Riley	Collaborative	3	Ms. Weststrate
Jael	Responsible	3	Mme Boissonneault-Empy
Jason	Respectful	4	Mme Boissonneault-Empy
Jubilee	Resilient	2	Mrs. Bearisto & Mrs. Quirk
Isaac	Respectful	2	Mrs. Bearisto & Mrs. Quirk
Victoria	Responsible	2	Mrs. Bearisto & Mrs. Quirk
Xavier	Curious	2	Mrs. Bearisto & Mrs. Quirk
Karter	Responsible	K	Ms. Baird
Ryker	Responsible	K	Ms. Baird
Jemma	Respectful	4	Mrs. Tuazon-King

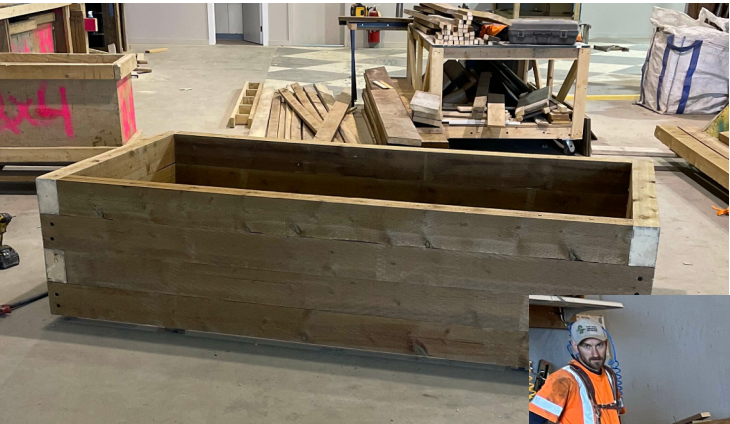


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Nathen	Resilient	4	Mrs. Tuazon-King
Mohammed	Healthy	5	Ms. Lacourse
Safa	Collaborative	5	Ms. Lacourse
Blayze	Respectful	5	Ms. Lacourse
Ayoub	Collaborative	5	Ms. Lacourse



HUGE THANKS to Gilmar Construction

So Oriole Park has the **BEST** support through our parents EVER! After asking in the October newsletter if there was someone who could take the lead on helping us build our garden boxes for our Outdoor Garden, a parent who owns Gilmar Construction stepped up to the plate and went above and beyond! Gilmar is not only donating the labour to build the boxes, they are also helping us tackle the issue of making the ground covering around our garden area sustainable, clean, and long-lasting at a cost that fits within our budget. Have a look at the progress on the garden boxes that Gilmar has made so far!!! We are so grateful and fortunate to have amazing parents & community- minded businesses support our school!



Remembrance Day Assembly

Parents & family members are most welcome to join OP School in our in-person assembly this year. Details below:

DATE: Tuesday November 8th

TIME: Please be seated in the gym NO LATER than 10:15 am (Plan on approx 1 hour for the assembly) Cell phones **MUST** be on silent or turned off during the ceremony. Please refrain from bringing smaller children & babies if possible. Please ensure you have clean footwear to wear in the gym as we are unable to cover our floors



Poppies (stick on for Kindergarten & Grade 1 students - pin poppies for Grades 2 -5 will be given to all students on the day of our assembly. If you choose to bring a small donation (or send one with your child), all money collected will be taken to The Legion in Red Deer.

Re-Take Day

Lifetouch took student pictures on October 21. The portrait packages should be ready within the next few days. We will send that information out when they let us know that online orders are ready.

If you would like a retake or your child was absent on October 21, picture re-take day is:

Tuesday, November 22 (morning only)

Terry Fox Run

Thank you so much to parents & families for once again supporting the Terry Fox Run.

Our school raised and donated \$430 to the Terry Fox Foundation in support of cancer research!



Food Drive - Christmas Hampers

With the Christmas season right around the corner - it is time to reinforce the concept of giving and sharing for our students. For families who are able to help, please consider keeping an eye on sales at the grocery store to help out with needed food items to fill food hampers for our OP families in need. We will also have a toonie donation for those that are able to help purchase turkeys or hams for families to have a warm Christmas meal with their children. See below for items we will collect. Also, if you have new or gently used toys, we will also collect on behalf of the Red Deer Christmas Bureau. Please recycle toys if your children have outgrown them.

These are the items the student(s) had to choose from - FYI (in case you'd rather donate something different)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bag Oatmeal 2 cans Tuna 2 Boxes Kraft Dinner 1 Jar Peanut Butter 2 X 1-Litre Tetra Box Apple Juice 2 boxes Stuffing Mix 1 bag of popcorn 1 bag or box of spaghetti 1 jug Pancake Syrup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Box Honey Nut Cheerios 2 cans Flaked Chicken 1 Jar Jam 2 cans fruit (pears // peaches) 2 X 1-Litre Tetra Box Orange Juice 2 cans Corn 1 Box of Granola Bars 2 jars of Pasta Sauce 1 jug Oil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Box Shreddies 2 cans soup 2 Bags Macaroni 2 Cans Brown Beans 2 X 1-Litre Tetra Box Almond Milk 1 Box Instant Mashed Potatoes 1 box of Crackers 1 box Pancake mix
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School Council Fundraisers

Purdy's Chocolates

This fundraiser was such a success last year, School Council is running it again! Please [visit this link](https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/836725-97576) (<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/836725-97576>)

Order deadline: November 29, 2022

Delivery & Pick up by: December 15, 2022

Fundraising Goal: \$2,500

Questions: Contact: Nicole L - [email](#)



Growing Smiles Fundraiser

Plants, Christmas Poinsettias, Winter Arrangements, Wreaths

[Link \(https://orioleparkschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home \)](https://orioleparkschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home)

Order deadline: November 10, 2022

Delivery & Pick up by: November 24, 2022

Fundraising Goal: Not specified

Questions: Contact: Sarah R - [email](#)



Welcome to Our



WINTER FUNDRAISER



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!





BrightSpace for Parents

Red Deer Public District is ready to roll out Brightspace for Parent and Guardians! [Here](#) is the parent guide that shows:

- How parents and guardians may log in using a web browser or the Brightspace for Parent and Guardian app.
- How to enable (or stop) weekly email summaries for their children.
 - A brief overview of the tools available for parents and guardians.



brightspace
by D2L

Please note that parents will need to input their PowerSchool parent portal username to log into Brightspace. If a parent is not added to their family's

PowerSchool portal they will need to be added before they may start the Brightspace process. Schools are JUST beginning to use BrightSpace as a communication tool so be patient as staff learns this new tool as well. As your student(s) travel through the grades in RDPSD, they will access the features within the BrightSpace Learning Management System more and more. When a parent logs in, they will have access to all of their children regardless of the school they attend. This will be another great communication tool for schools and parents.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about BrightSpace.

ROAD SAFETY

The school office fields at least 2-3 phone calls per month with other parents or OP community neighbors complaining about unsafe driving habits when parents are dropping off or picking up their children.

As much as we encourage all parents to follow basic road safety and rules, we are not the Police or By-Law enforcement. All we can do is respectfully remind parents to please consider the safety of our children, siblings, families and community members as you drop off and pick up your child. We do contact the City of Red Deer By-Law Enforcement &/or the RCMP when flagrant disregard for the rules are observed. We are then at the discretion and timing of these outside services to deal with an enforcement concern.

Please work with us to ensure the safety of all our children to & from school and at dropoff & pickup. Thank you so much!

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

RDPSD International Services is seeking host families for students who wish to study in Canada.

Watch our hosting video

[View Video](#)

**Call or text: 587-679-0791 or
email to homestay@rdpsd.ab.ca**



**Monthly reimbursement
and support from our local
coordinator**



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 - as explained in this newsletter (in another section), parents can sign up for BrightSpace and follow all your children's progress on the SAME platform.



Dancin' in the gym!

Halloween Fun at OP!



Parent Links - Resources - Information

Links to camps & information of interest to parents:

- [YMCA Youth & Family Programs & Activities](#) - Fall (Oct 31 - Dec 23)
- [SPARC Family Challenge](#) - Nov 7 - 30, 2022: 4 weeks of simple, free family-friendly challenges to complete at home or in your community - register at [sparcreddeer.ca](#)

OP Contact Information:



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oriolepark.rdpsd.ab.ca



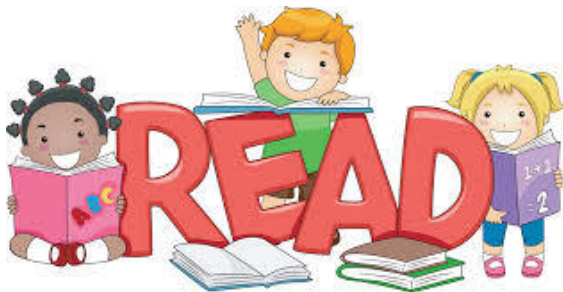
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opinfo@rdpsd.ab.ca

or use the Parent App



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Digital Citizenship

THINK
BEFORE YOU POST



T- IS IT TRUE



H- IS IT HELPFUL



I- IS IT INSPIRING



N- IS IT NECESSARY

K- IS IT KIND



School Council Corner

School Council Meetings

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

On Monday, November 21

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.

