



# ORIOLE PARK



## YEAR END NEWSLETTER

June 30 | 2023

*Toujours amis .... where friendships begin*

### Message from the Office

Did you blink and the school year went from that excited first day to the last day in what felt like a moment in time?

We packed a lot into a great year at OP - from field trips and fire truck spray days, to basketball teams and choirs - from hot lunch days and theme days to Math-A-Thon and Reading Challenge prize days - activity days, field day, Christmas concert, family dance, Swim Lessons, family day at the park, hot dog days and a garden grand opening - Halloween Day & activities, Grade 5 Farewell day and Kindergarten graduation. Our hope is that each and every child has some wonderful memories of their year(s) at their school. When they have those memories that combine with friendships and positive relationships with their teacher(s), they continue on a successful path in their educational journey.

Summer returns with a focus on rest, relaxation, family activities and fun, and time spent playing with friends. Outside time is critical for kids and our weather in the summer is generally conducive to getting outdoors for long, wonderful days and fun activities - stay in tune with the City of Red Deer who offers a lot of family fun days and various activities throughout their facilities and parks system! Make a stay-cation a part of your family summer fun!

Please take time to ensure your children read this summer among the plethora of activities they will do outside in our beautiful summer weather. Literacy skills are vital to your child's success in school and in life - visit the RD Public Library and make it a family thing to sign out books and share the learning with each other.

On behalf of the entire OP Staff, we wish each and every Oriole Park School Family a most wonderful, safe, and enjoyable summer vacation filled with making incredible family memories. See you in August for a staggered school start.

### Upcoming Events

- Summer Holidays
- Staggered Start in August

### Important Dates

#### • June 29 | LAST DAY for Students - 2:25 Dismissal

- August 24 | OP Office open for registration: 9 am - 3 pm
- August 25 | OP Office open for registration: 9 am - 3 pm
- August 28-30 | All teachers & EA's return to work
- August 30 | Meet the Teacher (Drop In) from 11 am - 1 pm
- August 31 | Staggered Start: Student Last Names A - J ONLY Attend
- September 1 | Staggered Start: Student Last Names K - Z ONLY Attend
- September 5 | ALL students attend



# Student Recognition

Congratulations to the following amazing OP Students for being recognized and celebrated for demonstrating one of the RDPSD 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

### JUNE

Katniss ~ Mrs. Fichter & Mrs. Quirk  
Yazan ~ Gr 3 ~ Ruest/Kuziak  
Jase ~ Gr 3 ~ Ruest/Kuziak  
Avery ~ Gr 4 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King  
Ghazel ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart  
Seth ~ KK ~ Mme Kuziak

## CURIOUS

### JUNE

Fayez ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Fichter & Mrs. Quirk  
Talan ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Fichter & Mrs. Quirk  
Darien ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak  
Luke ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault  
Katalyn ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault  
Jackson ~ KK ~ Mme Kuziak  
Nolan ~ KK ~ Mme Kuziak  
Leon ~ KK ~ Mme Kuziak  
Keilah ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Phoebe  
Thomas ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Phoebe

## COLLABORATIVE

### JUNE

Tegan ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Fichter & Mrs. Quirk  
Athena ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Fichter & Mrs. Quirk  
Hunter ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak  
Hannah ~ Gr 4 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King  
Aya ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart  
Chloe ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart  
Kolbi ~ Gr 5 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King  
Zemira ~ KK ~ Mme Kuziak  
Liam ~ KK ~ Mme Kuziak  
Norah ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Phoebe

## RESPONSIBLE

### JUNE

Caradie ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Weststrate  
Weston ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart  
Jaxon ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart  
Jordyn ~ Gr 4 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King  
Asil ~ Gr 2 ~ Mme Konan  
Ahsan ~ Gr 2 ~ Mme Konan  
Winnie ~ KK ~ Mme Kuziak

## RESILIENT

### JUNE

Joshua ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Weststrate  
Owen ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Steele  
Jewel ~ Gr 4 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King  
Preslie ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart

## HEALTHY

### JUNE

Titus ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart  
El Mehdi ~ Gr 5 ~ Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge



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## RSVP - Power School Important Information for Parents

Schools are **REQUIRED** to have updated information on a YEARLY basis for every student in our building.

**Please log into your child's PowerSchool account through your [PARENT PORTAL](#) and update (RSVP - Red Deer Student Verification Process) their information in June.**

This is vital so we have correct information not only for Alberta Education, but also in the event of an emergency. This is required to be done by June 30. If you are unsure how to do this, instructions are found on our [District website under Registration - RSVP](#)

### Save the Dates - Staggered Start

It might be summer holidays soon and we forget all about school for a while, but it appears there is a pattern and soon enough, the end of August will roll around to us again so we have some dates for you to keep in mind. The staggered start is such a positive way to begin the year for students and staff that we will continue with that practice to assist with an easier transition for all:

Aug 31 - Student LAST NAMES A - J ONLY Attend  
Sep 01 - Student LAST NAMES K - Z ONLY Attend

#### September 05 - ALL Students Attend

If your child is attending KINDERGARTEN next year, here is the staggered start:

#### MORNING KINDERGARTEN:

- Aug 31: 8:55 - 11:50 am: ONLY Student last names A - J attend
- Sept 1: 8:55 - 11:50 am: ONLY Student last names K - Z attend

#### AFTERNOON KINDERGARTEN (English Program Only):

- Aug 31: 12:25 - 3:15 pm: ONLY Student last names A - J attend
- Sept 1: 12:25 - 3:15 pm: ONLY Student last names K - Z attend

#### Other Dates to remember:

**August 24 & 25:** Office Open for Registrations from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**August 28 - 30** - Staff Organizational Days

**August 30** - Meet the Teacher - 11 am - 1 pm

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## Meet the Teacher

In order to alleviate a little nervousness your child may be feeling prior to the start of the school year, please feel free to book off a bit of a longer lunch from work on August 30 and bring your child (drop in format) to meet their teacher, see their classroom, drop off their supplies &/or indoor shoes, etc.

DATE: Wednesday August 30

TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

FORMAT: Drop in / casual



Please contact the school if you have any questions

Please visit our [OP Website](#) for the [school supply lists](#) for each grade.



## THANK YOU!

HUGE THANK YOU to ALL the OP parents, guardians, grandparents, relatives, and friends who helped out with all our Field Trips this year! We are so grateful for the extra "eyes and hands" to help out with our kids.

Also, to the parents who came out to help with our Field Day - to cook and serve hot dogs, and hand out juice boxes - a HUGE Thank You to each and every one of you amazing ladies that came to help with that big day!

## THANK YOU from School Council!

OP School Council would like to thank all the volunteers, school staff, and parents/guardians who helped out in any way with our School Council meetings/events.

Whether you volunteered, donated, purchased items or just spread the word - ***your support is GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!***

This year, we hosted family night in the park and an incredible family dance. Our Healthy Hunger hot lunch program ran with GREAT success. Through fundraisers, we managed to support the school with purchases for badminton racquets, cross country skis, student mail bags, the adopt-a-family program, field day snacks, the skate shack rental and more! We look forward to continuing to work with all our OP Parents on School Council in the future.

See you in the fall for our School Council meetings! Have an amazing & safe summer!



# NEWS



## Bus Information

Applications for the 2023/2024 school year are now ready. Distances have changed for next year, so you may qualify for free busing. Students only have to be over 1 KM. (previously it was 2.4 KM) To access the application, look for 2023-2024 Charter Transportation Application in SchoolEngage. After you log into your Parent Power School account, it's on the left hand side. Please call the school if you have any questions. A late fee of \$20.00 will be charged for applications received after June 30



## Summer Literacy

Summer is a time to be outside - enjoying all the beautiful areas our City and our Province has to offer. Please note that the loss of literacy or numeracy skills over the summer is substantial if students don't read or practice some basic skills - particularly if they currently struggle in those areas. Please visit the Red Deer Public Library and make reading a regular part of your child's summer routine.

Students can also access [online reading resources found here](#) on our list of free online books - please ensure parents monitor or check each site to ensure you approve of the selection(s) available for your child.



## City of Red Deer [Meet Me at the Park](#)

### 2023 Schedule

Date	Location	Address
July 4-7	Eastview Estates	120 Ellenwood Drive
July 10-14	Don Campbell Elementary School	99 Irving Crescent
July 17-21	Riverside Meadows	6201 57 Avenue
July 24-28	Rosedale	2 Roland Street
July 31- Aug 4	Normandeau	49 Noble Avenue
Aug 8-11	Golden Circle	4620 47A Avenue
Aug 14-18	Morrisroe West	5 McIntosh Avenue
Aug 21-25	Westpark	3811 57 Avenue



# Community Connections

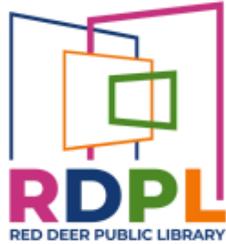
Reading the  
**WORLD**  
in 80 days!

Red Deer Public Library  
2023 Kids' Summer Reading Club

Get your Summer Reading Club Passport ONLINE or IN PERSON at any branch starting June 1! Submit your completed passport for a chance to win cool prizes this summer!



The Book Bike is back! Meet us at local parks for fun, outdoor programs! Schedules available in-branch or at [rdpl.org](http://rdpl.org) starting June 1.



## OP Family Dayhome

Red Deer Child Care Day Home spots available for full time or before/after school care.

Accredited and Licensed, Level 2 Early Learning and Child Care Worker with First Aid. 7 min walk from Oriole Park School.

Call, Text, or email Keri Adkins @ [kerbearhugs@gmail.com](mailto:kerbearhugs@gmail.com)  
[780-719-9153](tel:780-719-9153) or



## Red Deer Minor Football

Atom Athletes (Ages 8-10) - season runs September - October

PeeWee Athletes (Ages 11-13) - season runs mid-August to November

Teams are co-ed - all skill levels welcome!

[www.reddeerminorfootball.ca](http://www.reddeerminorfootball.ca)

Four day camps!

CENTRAL ALBERTA  
HUMANE SOCIETY



# KIDS SUMMER CAMP!

\$194.95/  
4 DAYS

Tuesday-Friday  
8:00-4:00

- ★ Week 1: July 4th-7th
- ♥ Week 2: July 11th-14th
- ★ Week 3: July 18th-21st
- ♥ Week 4: July 25th-28th

- ★ Week 5: August 1st-4th
- ♥ Week 6: August 8th-11th
- ★ Week 7: August 15th-18th
- ♥ Week 8: August 22nd-25th

Please note: There is a maximum of 12 registered each week. Once full, the rest will be put on a waitlist.

★ Ages 6-9 ♥ Ages 10-13  
Siblings of different ages welcome

REGISTER NOW AT [CAHUMANE.COM](http://CAHUMANE.COM)

Email for more information:  
[programs@cahumane.com](mailto:programs@cahumane.com)

4505 77 St, Red Deer, T4P 2J1



# Community Connections

## RD Field Lacrosse



We are excited to announce that registration for the upcoming field lacrosse season is now open! The season is set to begin in early July, and we can't wait to get back on the field.

To get a sneak peek into what the season holds, simply click on the link below. It will take you to our RDLA News Item, where you'll find all the exciting details. Plus, you'll also find an embedded link to our Ramp Registration page, making signing up a breeze.

<http://www.reddeerlacrosse.com/article/41891>

Field lacrosse is an exhilarating sport that combines speed, skill, and strategy. It's a great way to stay active and make new friends. Whether you're new to the sport or a seasoned lacrosse player, we welcome you to join us on the field this season. Registration is open to any player regardless of playing experience. We have programs available for all ages and skill levels - U7 to U17 is co-ed, U12 and U15 for Girls. Full equipment, the same as box lacrosse, with the exception of cleats instead of running shoes is required for coed lacrosse. Field lacrosse for girls is No-Hit throughout all divisions and requires only eye goggles as recommended, cleats instead of running shoes, and a lady's field lacrosse stick, which does differ substantially from box lacrosse sticks.

We're committed to providing a fun, positive, and supportive environment that fosters growth and development for all of our players. So if you're ready to hit the field and experience the excitement of field lacrosse, sign up today. We look forward to seeing you on the field!

To register, simply visit our Field registration and follow the easy steps.

Over the course of the season in July and August, you will practice once per week, with occasional pick-up practices as determined by your coaching staff, in order to develop and prepare to compete in 3 competitive events consisting of Scheduled Game Play on a dedicated day on select weekends. Scheduled game play weekends are July 8th / 9th, July 22nd / 23rd, August 12th / 13th with the last weekend of August 26th as an alternate date.

Location: Game play weekends are currently being held at our Collicutt Fields, or Mclean Fields in Red Deer.

# ENGLISH FOR LIFE IN CANADA

LEARN  
AND PRACTICE  
ENGLISH!

## FOUNDATIONS FOR WOMEN



Women Only  
Classes  
Beginner  
English

**When:** Thursdays 10:00 am -12:30 pm  
**Dates:** July 6-August 10, 2023  
**Where:** Care for Newcomers Red Deer **Childcare Available**  
**Fee:** \$5

**For more information:**



403.877.3255

Sherri: [sherri.tirrell@carefornewcomers.ca](mailto:sherri.tirrell@carefornewcomers.ca)

[carefornewcomers.ca](http://carefornewcomers.ca)

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**CARE**  
FOR NEWCOMERS

# CONTACT US

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[opinfo@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:opinfo@rdpsd.ab.ca)

or use [Parent App](#)



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## School Council Corner

### School Council Meetings: (formerly called Parent Council)

Our next meeting will take place on:  
Monday September 18, 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](mailto:op-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca)

School Council Fundraiser: [HealthyHunger.ca](http://HealthyHunger.ca)

## Quick Parent Links

[OP Parent Info - Website](#)

[Healthy Hunger](#)

[Volunteering in RDPSD Schools](#)

