



ORIOLE PARK



NEWSLETTER

June | 2023

Toujours amis where friendships begin

Message from the Office

I remember the first beautiful day of school this year with all the smiling children in their new school outfits and the nervously excited atmosphere - it seems like it was just a short while ago! How fast the last 9 months have gone - and with a little more than 4 week left this year, it too will fly by.

OP School Council has done an amazing job of supporting our school, being our sounding board and offering help and support in the direction of our programs and certainly in providing families with wonderful activities to connect and build on relationships. We are so grateful for our School Council and those of you who continue to give of your time to ensure the students of OP have a wonderful school experience filled with lots of memories of great activities and fun family events!

This newsletter is packed with information on upcoming events and activities as we look to wrap up the 2022/2023 school year. Please ensure you mark your calendars/set reminders in your phone to ensure you or your child won't miss out on all the fun ahead.

Please take time to ensure your children read this summer among the plethora of activities they will do outside in our beautiful summer weather. 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

- School Council Meeting
- Math A Thon Prize Dates - Celebrations
- Opening Ceremonies - Outdoor Garden and Learning Space
- Field Trips

Important Dates

- June 2 | Math A Thon Prize - PJ day with popcorn & juice box
- June 5 - 8 | Pride Week Recognition
- June 8 | Math A Thon Prize day - Extra Activity Hour (2:20-3:20)
- June 9 | Staff Learning Day - No School
- June 12 | Last Parent Council 3:30 School Library
- June 13 | Field Trips-AM 1S & 1B /// PM 1J & 2K to Sunnybrook Farm
- June 13 | Grade 5 to Bower Ponds-field study
- June 13 | 3RK & 3W to Ellis Bird Farm Field Trip
- June 14 | Outdoor Garden Grand Opening - 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
- June 20 | Field Trips: 3K to Ellis Bird Farm // Grade 5's to Fort Normandeau
- June 19 | Field Trips: 2BQ & 2FQ to Sunnybrook Farm - PM /// Pathways to Mattie McCullough Park (AM)
- June 21 - Field Trip - Pathways Slurpee Walk
- June 22 - Field Trip - 5BR to Carnival Cinemas @ 10:30 AM
- June 22 - 2:00 PM - Fire Truck Spray Park @ OP
- June 23 - Grade 5 Farewell Day
- June 27 - OP Field Day (Alternate June 28)
- June 29 - LAST Day - EARLY DISMISSAL - 2:25 PM

OP Staff - Retirements

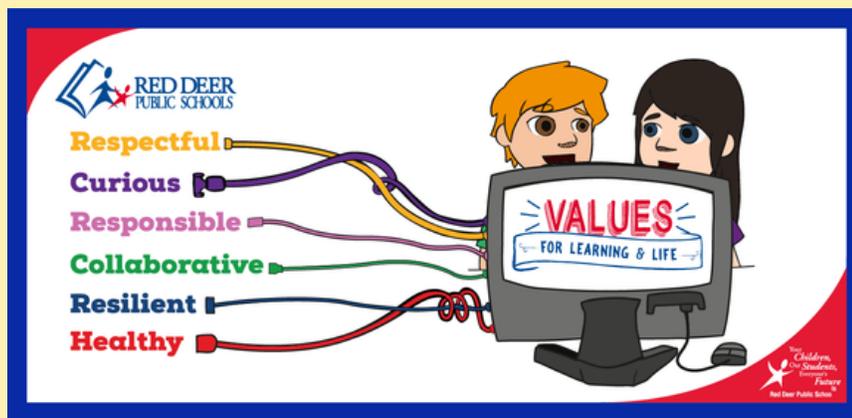


Mrs.
Kim Beirsto
English Program

Mme
Melanie Beebe
French
Immersion



They say "change is a good thing" and as excited as we are for these two amazing OP Staff Members, we are also sad to see them go. Mrs. Beirsto and Mme Beebe have made the tough, but exciting decision to retire. We wish them well in the next stage of life and all the wonderful things that come with having some extra time to do exactly what they want to do. Thank you so much to each of you for your dedication, devotion, passion for teaching children, and all that you have given to the students and staff of Oriole Park and Red Deer Public! All the best to you in your retirement!!



Along with our teacher retirements, we also have a few other staff leaving OP:

- Mr. Perry Drost - Caretaking - Retiring
- Keira Rudge - Teacher
- Yasmina Lessard - EA
- Denay Oliver - EA
- Elise Budgell - EA
- Zineb Ayach - French Monitor (Odyssey Program)
- Kyra Rawlusyk - EA

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

APRIL

Zakkary ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Logan ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Hadley ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Cameron ~ Gr 2 ~ Mme Konan
Lillian ~ Gr ~ Mme Konan
Ahmad ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Weststrate
Alyssandra ~ Gr 3 ~ Ruest/Kuziak
Gemma ~ Gr 4 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King

CURIOUS

APRIL

Madison ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Liam ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Jayla ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Fichter
Thomas ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Fichter
Tyler ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak
Kian ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse



COLLABORATIVE

APRIL

Ira ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Ryder ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Mrs. Quirk
Addy ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Mrs. Quirk
Queen ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Fichter
Eliana ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Fichter
Kora ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Fichter
Yosuf ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Fichter
Nabil ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse
Sam ~ Gr 5 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King

RESPONSIBLE

APRIL

Jayden ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Tamer ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Zinat ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Carmine ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Quirk
Declan ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Weststrate
Mira ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Boissonneault
Vaughn ~ Gr 4 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King
Bennett ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault
Levi ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault
Korbin ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault

RESILIENT

APRIL

Larissa ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Anthony ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Naya ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Quirk
Ivy ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak
Amelia ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Phoebe
Ellie ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Phoebe
Scarlett ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault
Cohen ~ Gr 5 ~ Ms Lacourse

HEALTHY

APRIL

Luka ~ Gr k ~ Ms. Baird
Jacob ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Weststrate
Allan ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak



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MAY

Kyla ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Haylie ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Jordyn ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Emiliano ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Mrs. Quirk
Arwad ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak
Jett ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart
Jacob ~ Gr 5 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King
Thierry ~ Gr K ~ Mme Kuziak

CURIOUS

MAY

Liam ~ Gr K ~ Ms Baird
Adam ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Steele
Gabriel ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Mrs. Quirk
Ashton ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak
Alton ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Weststrate
Michaela ~ Gr 4 ~ Mrs. Steele
Hawkins ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart
Everett ~ Gr K ~ Mme Kuziak
Adler ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Phoebe
Hajar ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault
Keenan ~ Gr 5 ~ Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge

COLLABORATIVE

MAY

Ben ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Rio ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Jasnoor ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Maxwell ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Quirk & Mrs. Fichter
Johnny ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Quirk & Mrs. Fichter
Greyson ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Quirk & Mrs. Fichter
William ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Ruest & Kuziak
Kenley ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault
Amika ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart
Kai ~ Gr 5 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King
Samir ~ Gr K ~ Mme Kuziak

RESPONSIBLE

May

Natalie ~ Gr 1 ~ Mrs. Salomons
Athena ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Quirk & Mrs. Fichter
Zoey ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart
Carter ~ Gr 5 ~ Mrs. Tuazon-King
Rowan ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Phoebe
Elwyn ~ Gr 4 ~ Mme Boissonneault
Georgia ~ Gr 5 ~ Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge

RESILIENT

MAY

Jayden ~ Gr K ~ Ms. Baird
Shaimaa ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Weststrate
Leighlah ~ Gr 3 ~ Mrs. Weststrate
Tahlia ~ Gr 4 ~ Mr. Hart
Harlow ~ Gr K ~ Mme Kuziak
Amia ~ Gr 2 ~ Mme Konan
Alea ~ Gr 3 ~ Mme Phoebe
Nixon ~ Gr 5 ~ Mme Beebe & Mme Rudge

HEALTHY

MAY

Mona ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Mrs. Quirk
Elizabeth ~ Gr 2 ~ Mrs. Beirsto & Mrs. Quirk
Zayd ~ Gr K ~ Mme Kuziak
Samuel ~ Gr 2 ~ Mme Konan



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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 - M ONLY Attend
Sep 01 - Student LAST NAMES N - 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-M attend
- Sept 1: 8:55 - 11:50 am: ONLY Student last names N - Z attend

AFTERNOON KINDERGARTEN (English Program Only):

- Aug 31: 12:25 - 3:15 pm: ONLY Student last names A-M attend
- Sept 1: 12:25 - 3:15 pm: ONLY Student last names N-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

Date TBD - Meet the Teacher

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PRIDE Week Recognition

RDPSD Board of Recognizes PRIDE Month - June

OP Activities - Pride Week (June 5 - 8)

- Different version of O Canada each morning on OPN (Indigenous, English, French, 11 languages version)
- Pride Flag - in front foyer for the week
- Introduce the meaning of colors (Red = life/vibrancy; Orange = strength/endurance; Yellow = happiness/sunshine; Blue = peace/relaxation)
- Wear your Favorite color on Friday
- What makes a Family - [Lesson on Families](#) - families have similarities and differences; all families have strength
- Kindness Wallets - Students make a Kindness Wallet and do an act of kindness for someone



Field Trips - Activities - Events

Please ensure your child is ready for the year end field trip &/or activities for their class. This means weather-appropriate clothing, possibly a hat, sunscreen, water bottle, healthy snacks & food that day. Field Trips are busy, exciting days for the children and we want to ensure they have an enjoyable experience as they connect their learning to real-world activities. All the Field Trips are in the OP Calendar on our Website as well as on the first page of this monthly newsletter.

Also, on June 22, we have arranged with the City of Red Deer Fire Department to do a Spray Truck Event at the school starting at 2:00 pm. Please ensure your child has a towel and a change of clothes that day!

The Grade 5 Farewell is planned for Friday June 23 - more information will follow to the Grade 5 parents/families closer to the date. Our Field Day is Tuesday June 27 (alternate day is June 28). Those are days where students will need to dress for the weather and ensure they have a hat & sunscreen.

Don't forget - June 29 - last day of school is always 1-hour early dismissal - students need to be picked up by 2:25 that day!

Enjoy the month of June and all the activities!



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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.



School Supply List

Here is the [link to the OP Website](#) for the School Supply List for 2023/2024.

As of the date of this newsletter, we are still waiting on School Start to finalize their list & their prices.

Please [check back to this link](#) later in June for updated lists for next year.



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 large 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.

Way to go Violet!!!

We are so thrilled to share with our school community that one of our wonderful and hard-working Orioles was a finalist in a Provincial Writing Competition - the 2023 Martyn Godfrey Awards. Violet submitted her story "The Dragon" and was chosen as a finalist & winner!!! [Read her story here](#) and congratulations Violet on your amazing achievement in writing and literacy! Keep it up Violet!!!



Community Connections

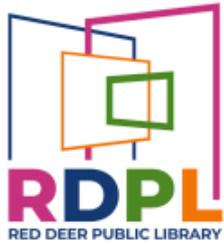
Read the
WORLD
in 80 days!

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 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 780-719-9153 or



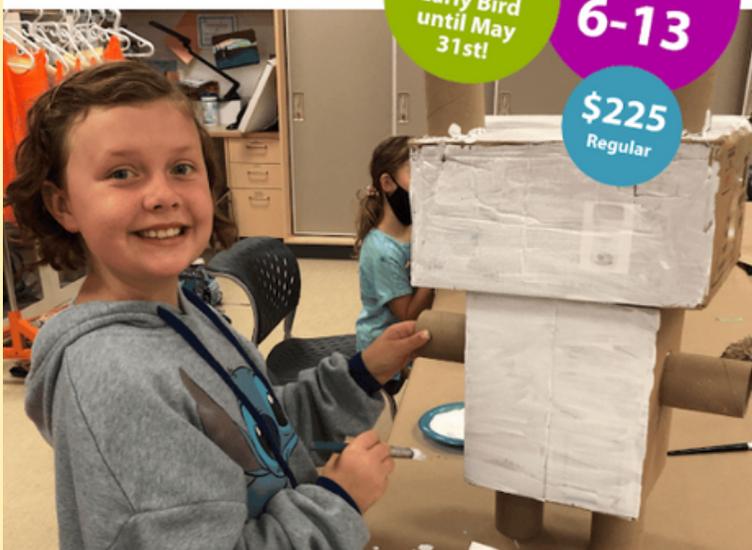
Summer Camps

reddeermuseum.com

\$200
Early Bird
until May
31st!

AGES
6-13

\$225
Regular



REGISTER TODAY!



5-day camps



4-week camp
(August 8-11)



4525 47A Ave., Red Deer, AB | 587-797-4040

ST JOHN'S CERTIFIED
BABYSITTING COURSE
JUNE 4 10:00 - 4:30
ORIOLE PARK COMMUNITY
CENTER
\$40.00
LUNCH AND SNACKS
PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A WATER
BOTTLE
11 -17 YEARS OLD
TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL
TENESSA AT 403-347-4424

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)



PARENT & TOT MOVEMENT



Strive is introducing a lifespan approach to dance excellence by offering dance movement classes this summer for parents with infants and toddlers (aged 0-2 years). Miss Michelle is excited to work with parents to build their strength and flexibility while introducing young children to the joy of rhythm and movement.

Mondays	July 24, 31, August 14, 21	10am-11am
Wednesdays	July 26, August 2, 9, 16	10am-11am

Please register online at <https://www.strivedanceacademy.ca/summer-at-strive> or contact the Strive office at info@strivedanceacademy.ca

AUDITIONS

Strive is now scheduling auditions for its Season 15 (2023-2024) Competitive Dance Program

We invite all experienced and aspiring dancers aged 6 to 18 to audition for our community-minded and award-winning competitive studio.

Please Note: Dancers in our Pre-Competitive and Community Programs, as well as Summer Program registrants, do not need to audition for entry to these programs.



BENEFITS OF JOINING STRIVE

- Accredited instructors in ADAPT (Associated Dance Arts for Professional Teachers) and RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) syllabi and Acrobatic Arts
- Supportive, community-minded, not-for-profit organization
- Individualized instruction and small class sizes
- Enrichment opportunities with internationally renowned choreographers
- Award-winning competitive teams
- The highest quality dance education in Central Alberta

Please register online at <https://www.strivedanceacademy.ca/new-comp> or contact the Strive office at info@strivedanceacademy.ca

15th Annual Safe Harbour Society
Community Spring Feast June 3, 11 am - 5 pm

Honouring the Peaceful Warrior

The Feast is **GREEN**

—NO DISPOSABLES OR STYROFOAM—
Please bring your own feast bag, chair, blanket and anything else to make the day more comfortable

The Feast goes, rain or shine,
be prepared for Alberta weather!
Protocol attire to be observed



Providing First Steps To Recovery

For more information email

hans@safeharboursociety.org or call 403-347-0181



Getting to Fort Normandeau

- Starting from Hwy 2 and 32nd St in Red Deer

- Go West from Hwy 2 on 32nd St (Twp. Rd 381) for 1.5 km

- Turn North (right) on RR 280 for 3.5 km (the road goes straight North and turns to the East and back to the West)

JUNE 3, 2023 | 11 AM-5 PM | FT. NORMANDEAU



5K. 10K. & 21K. RUNS

10 JUNE 2023

BOWER PONDS
4715 FOUNTAIN DR, RED DEER

Join us at Bower Ponds on Saturday, June 10, for the BDO Run for Youth. Proceeds will go to Youth HQ and BGC of Red Deer & District.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



SAFER
SCHOOLS
TOGETHER



Hello

Parenting is hard, and the rapid rise of technology and social media use in the lives of their kids makes it harder.

To help, we're extending complimentary access to download [Raising Digitally Responsible Youth – A Parent's Guide](#) from Safer Schools Together. The guide was designed to help introduce Parents and Caregivers to leading social media platforms, video games, and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by their children.

This guide is full of tips, how-to's and definitions for the most widely used apps – including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram and more. Best of all – it's complimentary, and you can share it with every parent in your community.

GET YOUR COPY NOW

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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 June 12, 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

