



ORIOLE PARK



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

October | 2023

Toujours amis where friendships begin

Message from the Office

Well we have rolled into “fall” on Saturday Sept 23 at 12:50 am and the cooler mornings and day-time highs are a sign that we need to try on our fall layering gear. OP Branded clothing is coming soon if you are interested for your child/children. Stay tuned on that! If not, now is a good time to check closets and last year’s clothes to see if it all still fits.

The staff at OP has been collaborating together to ensure the transition back to school was filled with fun and engaging activities. We reinforce our District Values every day (**Respectful, Curious, Responsible, Collaborative, Resilient and Healthy**) and are helping our young students with appropriate and safe play habits on the school playground - particularly when 380 of them are outside at the same time for recesses. This can be a challenging time for children when there is so much action, but the work we do in the classroom and outside for recess reinforces basic social skills, problem-solving techniques, conflict resolution strategies, and regulation strategies. These are all part of helping children understand how to navigate the different parts of a school day. We teach the children in class each day about respect and healthy relationships with others and supplement this with our Large Group Health lessons (usually held twice a month in the gym). We know parents are teaching these same values in the home so the consistent messaging to the children is so valuable for learning.

September had a number of activities including the Terry Fox Run, the Dawe Run (Grades 4 & 5), the start of Swim at School Sessions through the City of Red Deer (Grades 2 - 5), our first [Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch](#) (organized through School Council) and many activities that honored [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) including Orange Shirt Day on September 28. We have a number of special event days coming up each month and will work with our Grade 5 Leadership Students to plan lots of fun activities with our OP Students throughout the year.

We look forward to meeting with our Parents in October for [Parent Teacher Interviews](#) - more information in the newsletter & on the OP Website. If you work or are gone on a holiday during those times, please simply connect with your child’s teacher(s) to arrange an alternate time - we will be glad to accommodate. Enjoy the beautiful colors of Fall!!

Important Dates

- Sept 29 | RDPSD recognizes National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- Sept 30 | National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- Tuesdays Sept 26 - Oct 24 | Grade 2 & 3 Swim at School Sessions
- Wednesdays Sept 27 - Oct 25 | Grade 4 & 5 Swim at School Sessions
- Oct 4 | 4:00 - 6:00 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Oct 5 | 10 am - 5:00 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Oct 6 | Staff Learning Day - No School for Students
- Oct 9 | Thanksgiving Day Holiday - No School
- Oct 13 | Hat / Hoodie Day
- Oct 18 | Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch - Original Joes
- Oct 18 | School Council Mtng
- Oct 20 | OP Picture Day
- Oct 31 | Halloween (PM)



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Parent Teacher Interviews

Please join us for our beginning of the year Parent Teacher Interviews. Now that we have been in school for just over a month, it's a good time to connect and share information - keeping communication open between home and school.

October 4: 4:00 - 6:00 PM
October 5: 10 am - 5:00 PM



Please book a time with your child's teacher(s), or any staff you feel you want to connect with: CLW, Behaviour Support Room Teacher, Phys Ed/Music Teacher, &/or Admin. If any of these times do not work with your schedule, simply email your child's teacher to arrange a time that works better for you (note you could also do a phone interview if that helps)

All information to book is on the [OP Website](#) as well.

Log into schoolinterviews.ca - click on MAKE A BOOKING (top right corner)

Enter Code: pevdd (all lowercase: PEVDD)

Choose your child's teacher, the format of the interview (in person or via phone if that suits your schedule better) and the time you desire.

Feel free to call Jacki or Sandy if you need any help booking an interview.



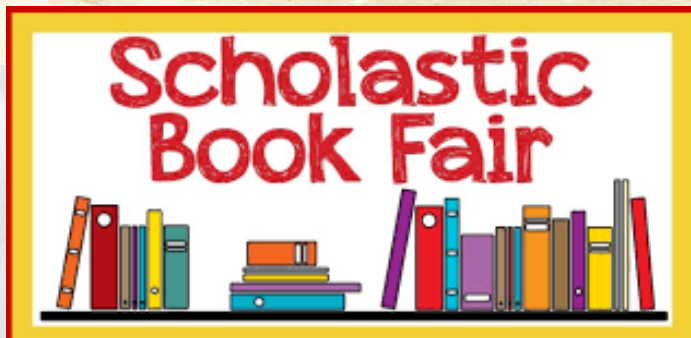
Scholastic Book Fair

The **Scholastic Book Fair** returns!!! Held in the **OP Library**, this supports our Literacy goal allowing the school to reinvest a share of the sales into books for our library. Reinforce the importance of literacy in your home by helping your child to shop with you in the wide selection of age-appropriate books at the Fair! Purchase for Christmas presents and get your shopping done early!!! :)

October 4: 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

October 5: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Debit/Credit machine available (Cash accepted too)



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Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser

School Council (formerly called Parent Council) is organizing their first major fundraiser of the year. The funds raised help support school-programs and special purchases (like cross country ski equipment for the PE program, field trip transportation, Field Day snacks, etc.)

Last year, this fundraiser was a HUGE success - get more of your Christmas shopping done early and support this great cause!

Orders Due: November 29

[Link to Catalog](#)

[Link to Order](#)



Purdy's
CHOCOLATIER



School (Parent) Council Update

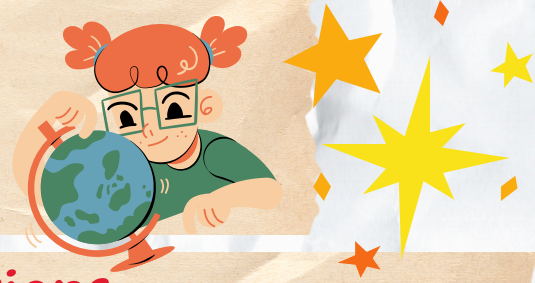
Did you know that School Council is actually more correctly thought of as Parent Council? It is a parent-run meeting with an agenda set out by the Parent Chair. Our OP School (Parent) Council would love to have more parents come out to help the wonderful work they do for our school, our students and our families!

At the last Council meeting, they have agree to try out a new day of the week for the meetings to see if that helps more parents attend - **the 3rd WEDNESDAY of the Month**. If you need to bring your child/children, they can come and read books/use a chromebook while we are in the meeting. Meetings typically last about 1 hour.

See you at the next meeting!



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Swim at School - Sessions

Our "Swim at School" sessions are underway!!! These sessions are NOT formal "swim lessons" but they could advance your child in the new Swim for Life levels that the City follows in their aquatics program. This year, our Grades 2 - 5 are doing the lessons, but next year, we will revert back to the regular Grade 2 - 4 student lessons (Grade 5's included the last 2 years due to missing this during Covid-19).

Parents will get a PowerSchool Messenger TEXT the morning of your child's lesson to remind you to pack their swim gear, a towel, a plastic bag for wet gear, goggles (if they have them) and an extra snack - they are so hungry after their lesson!

If you're not receiving PS Messenger Texts, you need to [OPT IN - instructions](#) are below.

Parents are welcome to watch the sessions in the viewing area @ the Rec Centre Pool. Student schedule is on the [OP Website](#).



Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our
TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages straight to your mobile phone with important information on student attendance, school events and other activities.

You can participate in this service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "YES" to our District's short code number # 978338.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one our messages with "STOP".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with all legislation, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone. *Standard message and data rates may apply.



**OP School
Clothing
COMING SOON**

OP Branded athletic wear will be coming soon! North Star Sports is working on the online store. If students or parents want any OP Gear - we will email the link out when ready!

Halloween - Oct 31

AFTERNOON ONLY: Halloween Activities on Oct 31 from 1:15 - 3:25 (in classrooms & a parade through the school (parents welcome to attend in the gym)

Students can bring a costume they can easily get into on their own after lunch (please refrain from sending accessories that could get lost or broken and absolutely NO guns, swords, knives, or similar "weapon-style" paraphernalia allowed)

We will send out information via email & text as to specific times for parents to attend prior to October 31.



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Dental Visits

The Central Zone Oral Health Team is continuing the Fluoride Varnish and Sealant Program at Ecole Oriole Park and will be offering these dental services for Grades K-1 -2

SCHEDULE FOR OP:

First visit– screening and first fluoride application – October 10 and 11, 2023

Second visit – Sealants – October 25, 26, 27, 30 and 31, 2023

Third visit – Feb. 29 and March 1, 2024 (tentatively)

Please return the consent forms to have your child take part



Parent Volunteers

In order for parents to volunteer in the classroom or on a field trip, you must have an RCMP Criminal Record Check. There is a \$10 fee required by the City of Red Deer for this CRCheck. You can apply for the Crim Record Check ONLINE through the [City of Red Deer using this link](#). **You will require a letter from OP School to upload in your application for the Crim Record Check.** Sandy will email you a digital copy of this letter for you to upload in your application upon your request. Please return your Criminal Record Check to the principal when everything is done. Thank you so much for helping out and volunteering with our students!

Outdoor Video Surveillance Cameras

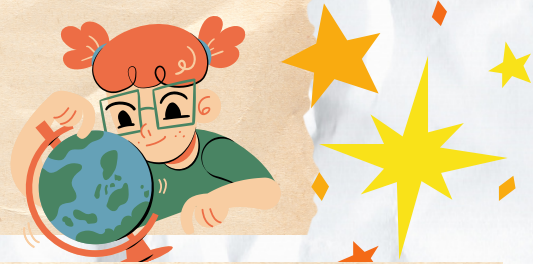
Due to the amount of vandalism, window breaking, graffiti and other negative activity in the evenings and weekends at OP School & playground area, video surveillance cameras were installed on the outside of our building. The installation finished on September 18 and the cameras have been functional since then. We have ordered the signage to inform the public as per [Admin Procedure 181](#).

With the installation of the cameras, we have the ability to provide video footage to the RCMP) if necessary in the event of an incident or criminal offense.

If you have any questions about the cameras, please do not hesitate to contact OP Admin.



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Bright Space - for Parents and Guardians



Bright Space for Parents - as your child goes through Red Deer Public Schools, you will be directed to a Learner Management Platform called Bright Space. Although we use it at a basic level in Elementary School, you will be directed more and more to this platform as your child goes through Middle and High School. This is where their assignments will be housed and it will connect with PowerSchool to track their marks/grades in each of their courses.



Brightspace for Parents and Guardians gives parents access to the student Activity Feed, Work to Do (upcoming due dates), Grades, and Portfolio. Parents may also choose to receive a weekly summary by enabling this in their notifications. Parents do not have access to teacher Content pages, or assessments unless they log in as their child. At the Elementary level, most of this is not applicable but as your child goes through school, you can track their progress through Bright Space.



If you've been on the BrightSpace platform in the past, there was an upgrade over the summer that will require you to re-set your password (you can actually reset it to the same password - but it does require a re-set).

Parents who have never logged in before may continue to follow the instructions on the [Brightspace for Parent and Guardian Guide](#).

Lifetouch Picture Information

Lifetouch Picture Day
Friday October 20, 2023

2 Poses:

This year, we are excited to be doing a two pose picture: a head and shoulder photo (traditional pose) and a ½ to ¾ length pose for the second photo.

EASY Way of accessing your child's images online:

Lifetouch Photography is excited to announce the launch of a new way to access photos online. After much safety and security testing, Lifetouch developed a way for families to access their child's photo using their student ID number.

Go to our website at www.mylifetouch.ca, click on Student ID and follow the detailed instructions to view and order photos.

If you have any questions on this ordering process, please call the Lifetouch Customer Care Line at 1.866.457.8212 or access the live chat on our website, www.mylifetouch.ca

Parents can still access their photos online by using their child's portrait ID and access code. By enabling the option of using your child's student ID number, gives people another way to access photos if they lose their proof sheet.



Student Recognition

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

Elda ~~ KB - Ms. Baird
Donovan ~~ KB - Ms. Baird

CURIOUS MONTH

COLLABORATIVE MONTH

Jewel ~~ 5H - Ms. Hanson
Jori ~~ 5H - Ms. Hanson
Embyr ~~ KB - Ms. Baird
Winslowe ~~ KB - Ms. Baird

RESPONSIBLE MONTH

Mustafa ~~ 5H - Ms. Hanson
Hamza ~~ 5H - Ms. Hanson
Kenley ~~ 4B - Mme Boissonneault

RESILIENT MONTH

Zarak ~~ PW- Mrs. Steele

HEALTHY MONTH

Amelia ~~ 4B - Mme Boissonneault



Community Connections

Jennette Miller
Executive Director

RED DEER
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Office Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday
8:30am - 4:30pm

Contact:
E: info@rdso.ca
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**3rd ANNUAL
LIFE CHANCES CASH LOTTERY
WIN UP TO \$25,000**



Draw Date October 5

Lottery Licence #651195
Must be 18 or older. Alberta residence only
20,500 tickets printed
1 for \$10, 10 for \$25 or 25 for \$50
Draw location: Red Deer Public Schools
4747 55 Street Red Deer Alberta

Red Deer Pond Hockey - [Link](#)

Red Deer Pond Hockey is committed to ensuring all kids have the opportunity to play, and as such will work with partners such as Jumpstart and Kidsport for financial assistance.



[Red Deer International PowWow](#)

Community Connections



SEPT. 23 - OCT. 14, 2023
 Drop off your gently used coats & winter items for kids and adults. We will clean & distribute them to families in need.
 Other winter items, such as mitts, gloves, toques, scarves, and ski pants, also accepted.

**DROP OFF AT THE:
 CACPC Charity
 CHECKSTOP**

Sept. 23, 10:00 - 4:00 PM @ Taylor Drive

For more info, visit cacpc.ca/events

Additional Drop Off Locations:

Classic Cleaners 4912 - 35 ST	Sterling Cleaners 4810 - 52 ST
The Coverall Shop 6722 Goetz Ave, Red Deer, AB	Village Dry Cleaners 8-5101 - 76 ST
7610 Edgar Industrial DR	Mustang Laundry 6850 - 59 AVE

WINTER ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT RED DEER CHRISTMAS BUREAU:

Distribution will be the week of Oct 16-20
 Monday - Friday 10 am to 4 pm
 The Red Deer Christmas Bureau Society
 #2 4650 61 Street Red Deer, Ab
 405-347-2210

Info: reddeerchristmasbureau.com

All clients that require coats (free of charge) will be required to provide AHC and proof of address, no appointment needed, first come first served



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CURLING

JUNIOR LEAGUE

YOUTH 8-18 YEARS OLD

rental equipment

Dinner FUN! Instruction

Mondays October- March 5:00-6:30

REGISTER TODAY

reddeercurling.ca
403-346-3777

\$186.90-\$223.65

Hannah Beach

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An award-winning educator, author, emotional health consultant, keynote speaker and parent.
hannahbeach.ca

Parents Night Out & Professional Development Workshops available:
 All presentations located at Carnival Cinema

Understanding What's Behind Your Kid's Challenging Behaviors: Practical Strategies for Change

6pm - 7:30pm
 Doors open at 5:30pm

Children (ages 4-12) will be watching a movie (supervised) while parents are attending the presentation. Each ticket includes a drink & popcorn.

Emotional Health in Kids

2 Workshop Presentations times:
 Morning Session 8:45 - 11:30am
 Afternoon Session 12:45 - 3:30pm

Parents Night Out

October 5th \$25/Adult \$10/Child

Professional Development Workshop

October 6th \$60/Person

Register Here

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS

RED DEER

BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 4-6

5 SUNDAYS SEP 24-OCT 29 2023

FOCUS ON: ATHLETIC MOVEMENTS BASIC BALL CONTROL

VOLLEY SMALLS

REGISTER: nexusvolleyball.com/shop

HEAD COACH - ADAM SILLERY
 ASST COACH - RDP KINGS
 PHYS ED TEACHER

Presented by:



fsca.ca

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or use [Parent App](#)



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Quick Parent Links

[OP Parent Info - Website](#)

[Healthy Hunger](#)

[Volunteering in RDPD Schools](#)

School Council Corner

School Council Meetings: (formerly called Parent Council)

Our next meeting will take place on:

Wednesday October 18, 2023
3:45 PM
OP Library



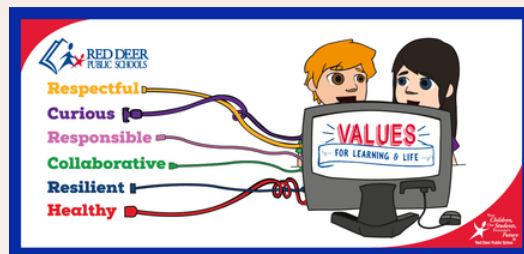
ALL OP Parents are welcome to attend.
Please join our Oriole Park School Parents & School Council Facebook Group! [Link Here](#)

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. If you don't have child care, bring your child/children!

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

School Council Fundraiser: HealthyHunger.ca



OP Communication

Our [OP School Website](#) is our primary source of communication between the school & 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](#) as well. Please connect with your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns about communication.

We host Parent-Teacher Conferences on the following dates:

October 4 & 5 (informal) // December 6 & 7 (Report Card) // March 13 & 14 (Report Card)

Each month, the office emails out our monthly [newsletter](#). If your email address changes, please ensure you update your [RSVP in PS](#) as that is the only way we can communicate en-masse with families.

Sandy, Jacki & the OP Admin are always available to answer any questions or field any concerns.

RDPD abides by a 6 am - 6 pm policy - please do not expect communication from staff outside those hours or on weekends.