



ORIOLE PARK



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January | 2024

Toujours amis where friendships begin

Message from the Office

Happy New Year 2024 to all our OP Families! What a wonderful Christmas Holiday break we all had - refreshed, rejuvenated, re-energized, and ready to tackle on the last 6 months of the school year together! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with lots of family time, games, outside time, reading, and general family fun.

January will see our skating unit begin in Phys Ed classes (Grades 1 - 5). If you haven't already - ensure you try on your child's skates to ensure they fit & teach them how to tie their laces/do up their buckles. We will be [seeking volunteers](#) to help tie skates throughout the day - so if you're able to help out, [please fill out this form](#) to let us know your availability. Students typically go out once/week for 1 hour to skate and you are most welcome to come and help at a time where you can watch your child skate (no hockey sticks/pucks allowed during skating time).

January is a busy month at OP as we not only have our regular School (Parent) Council Meeting, but we are also hosting City-Wide School Council this month. ALL Parents/Guardians are welcome to come to those meetings to stay informed on District and School-based programs that affect your child in RDPSPD. City Wide School Council Meeting is Tues Jan 16 @ 7:00 pm and our OP School Council Meeting is Wed Jan 17 @ 6:00 pm (trying a later time to help families attend after the work day).

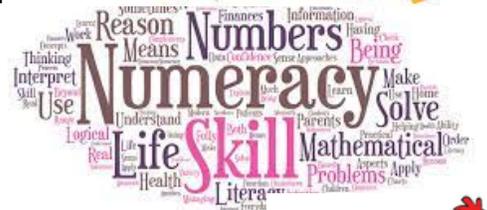
OP School Council is also planning Family Night at the Gym - Thurs Jan 17 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm - children MUST have a parent in attendance - please bring a change of shoes for the gym (clean indoor running shoes).

The weather looks like we are in for a bit of a change. Typically when the temperature with windchill dips below -20 to -22, we stay indoors. Children should still be dressed for winter play outside as the temperature can fluctuate during the day and it is healthier for their bodies and brains to get outside and play in the fresh air. We have an on-site weather station that directs our Admin decision as to indoor recesses. Dress in layers!

As we look to the last half of the school year, our focus on Literacy and Numeracy continues. Ensuring regular attendance and additional reading time at home will also foster a positive learning environment and connection to school for increased academic success. We look forward to continuing to work with our families to ensure student success! Welcome back!

Important Dates

- Jan 8 | School Resumes
- Jan 16 | City Wide School Council (OP Hosts) 7:00 pm
- Jan 17 | OP School Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Jan 18 | Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch & Munch n Mingle
- Jan 18 | OP Family Night at the Gym (6:00 -7:00 pm)
- Jan 19 | Staff Learning Day - No School for Students
- Jan 26 | Crazy Hair Day! :)





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UPDATE: OP Food Hamper Drive

On behalf of the families who were supported over the holiday season - and for all the wonderful compassionate conversations and learning that happened in December with regard to our OP Christmas Hamper Food Drive, thank you all for your support. We collected enough food to build over 15 full food hampers that supported our OP families. We collected money through homeroom donations (\$456.25) and at our Winter Concert (\$673) that totalled: \$1129.25 in order to buy hams or turkeys for the hampers. Without your help and support, many families would have been without a wonderful Christmas meal and food to help them through the holiday season. We are so blessed to have such a giving OP community. Thank you all so much for your kindness & generosity!

Special recognition to our wonderful neighbor: Victory Church. They were so kind and donated \$2500 to our Benevolent Fund in December to help buy Christmas Gifts for OP families / children in need. Their program called "Love Your Neighbor" collected donations from their wonderful members who in turn supported our Adopt-A-Family program. We are so grateful for their kindness, thoughtfulness, and charity.



OP Family Night @ the Rebels!



Well it appears a night out is a popular idea! We sold out the first set of seats for the Jan 20th OP Family Night out @ the RD Rebels and OP Admin requested more seats. The Rebels opened up more seats in the next section and there are only NINE left! If you want tickets for the OP Family Night @ the Rebels go to the Rebels Site, click on Tickets and go to Promo Code Entry. Enter: ORIOLE and you will see the only seats available in our sections. Naturally, you can still buy tickets in other sections, but the price is only honored in the OP Section. Can't wait to see everyone on Jan 20th @ the Rebels!



Thank You!



Special recognition to a wonderful OP Grandparent who took ALL our Phys Ed Program skates and sharpened them ALL!!!!

Although the skates only see a few hours of use each season, they certainly need some TLC and sharpening every couple of years.

Huge thank you to Warren Schnoor for taking over 150 pairs of skates and sharpening them for our students! We are so grateful for your help & support!

If any parents are able to help tie skates during the day for students in PE class, please let us know [via this Google Form](#).

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School (Parent) Council Seeking Help

OP School (Parent) Council would like to organize a Spring Fling Family Dance in April or May. The members of School Council would appreciate a few more hands on deck to help out! If you are able to help in some small capacity, please contact: op-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca

When there are more people to help out, it is far less work and time for those involved. Please consider helping out in some way if you are able.



ORDER HOT LUNCH

Healthy
Hunger

Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch

SAVE THE DATE: Munch n Mingle

OP School Council has set the remaining [Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch](#) dates and restaurants for the year.

OP School Council is pleased to organize a “**Munch n Mingle**” - an opportunity for you to come in and have a lunch with your child in the classroom. Feel free to add onto your Healthy Hunger order (put a 2nd order under your child’s name and it will be here on Jan 18, or bring your own bagged lunch!)

- **Jan 18 -Munch n Mingle** - Parents welcome [to order](#): Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen (or bring your own lunch) (Lunch time is 12:40 - 1:10 if you need to book it off)

Order a minimum of 5 days in advance of the date (or you could order the entire year today!), pay online and lunch is delivered to OP School on that date! Mark your calendars and save yourself from one more task making lunches!!

School Council will organize another Munch n Mingle in the Spring - date TBD

If you could help out on a Hot Lunch Date this year, [please fill out this sheet](#) on the date(s) you are available

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OPT In for OP Text Messages

We still have many parents not receiving information from OP School. In the event of a school emergency, we need to ensure you have aligned the settings on your mobile device to receive text messages from RDPSD &/or OP School

TEXT "Y" or "YES" to 978338



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.



Lifetouch Picture Order

[Lifetouch](#) is offering 10% off your picture order if you haven't ordered school pictures yet.

Use CODE: F2310OFF

Expires: May 1, 2024

Canadian Parents for French

For our families in the French Immersion Program - or for those thinking about it for Grade 1 or Late French Immersion (Grade 6 at Central Middle School), the organization called Canadian Parents for French (CPF) has a mandate to promote and create opportunities for students to learn and use French. Each province/territory has a chapter and they encourage participation and involvement from all families in French Immersion (FRIM).

[Here is a link to their December newsletter](#) where you are able to sign up to receive future communications from CPF.

Parent Links / Information

[Link - How to Help Kids Balance Phones and Screens with Sleep](#)

[Link - Cellphones & Devices: A Guide for Parents & Caregivers](#)



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

Olivia~~ KK - Mme Kuziak
Finnegan ~~ KK - Mme Kuziak
Izzabelle ~~ 2K - Mme Konan
Jayden ~~ 1S - Mrs. Salomons
Quinn ~~ 4/5TK - Mrs. Tuazon-King

CURIOUS

Mayabelle~~ KK- Mme Kuziak
Kayleigh~~ KK - Mme Kuziak
Parker~~ 3HR - Mr. Hart & Mme Ruest

COLLABORATIVE

Kendra ~~ 3HR - Mr. Hart & Mme Ruest

RESPONSIBLE

Krishna~~ 2K - Mme Konan
Aiden ~~ 1S - Mrs Salomons
Hendrick ~~ 3HR - Mr. Hart & Mme Ruest
Carter ~~ 4/5TK - Mrs. Tuazon-King
Titus ~~ 4/5TK - Mrs. Tuazon-King

RESILIENT

Amara ~~ 3HR - Mr. Hart & Mme Ruest
Gabriel ~~ 3HR - Mr. Hart & Mme Ruest

HEALTHY

Henley~~ 2K - Mme Konan



Community Connections

School Council Information

Jan 17 2024

Meeting

6 PM - PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Please consider joining us for a 6 pm School Council meeting - hoping that is better for your schedule!

SCHOOL RULES!

FAMILY NIGHT

Join Mme Terrenzio in the Gym with your FAMILY for some fun n games

JANUARY 18, 2024

6:00 - 7:00 PM

FREE - BUT STUDENTS MUST ATTEND WITH A PARENT



That Elf on a Shelf was back again with more of her shenanigans - making a mess :) and sharing in all the Christmas Fun



Grade 5 French Immersion plays a fun game in the last hours of December before the Christmas break!

Grade 1B class is off to deliver Christmas Cards to our OP neighbors in the last week before the break.





KINDERGARTEN 2024 REGISTRATION!!!



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Red Deer Public Schools is the **BEST CHOICE** for exciting learning opportunities for all children. This begins with Kindergarten!

Our school offers **HALF DAY** programming, in **ENGLISH** and **FRENCH!**

**Registration begins
January 15, 2024**

Register online by visiting our website rdpsd.ab.ca

Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2024



CONTACT US

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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](#)

[Hour Zero - Emergency Response](#)

School Council Corner

School Council Meetings: (formerly called Parent Council)

Our next meeting will take place on:

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

6:00 PM

OP Library

[Sign up here to help out with School Council Activities](#)

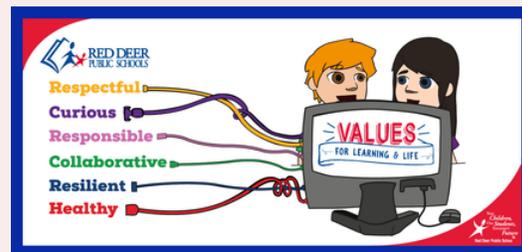
ALL OP Parents are welcome to attend.
Please join our Oriole Park School Parents & School Council Facebook Group! [Link Here](#)

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.

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