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OP Staff Updates

Please join us in welcoming our new staff to École Oriole Park:

Grade 1: Mrs. Ingrid Sinclair (job sharing with Mrs. Salomons)
Grade 2: Mrs. Lauren Wark (replacing Mrs. Fowler on Mat Leave)
Grade 3: Mme Cassandra Klaudt (replacing Mme Kayla on Mat Leave)
Grade 4: Ms. Jaycee Bourke (replacing Mrs. Stemmler on Mat Leave)
Grade 5: Mme Janene Baile (replacing Mme Beebe who retired in June)
EA: Mme Danielle Lodge (French Immersion EA) - for Sept only



We are so grateful to have these wonderful people join the team at OP!

Swim at School - Lessons

OP is once again partnering with the City of Red Deer to offer "Swim at School" sessions. 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. We will continue to offer this for students in Grades 2 - 5 (since many of the grade 4 & 5 students did not have the opportunity to go during COVID). The fee is \$40 (\$35 to the City of Red Deer for the lessons and \$5 to Prairie for the bussing from OP to the Rec Centre Pool). Swim lessons will be on Tuesday morning for Grades 2 & 3 and Wednesday mornings for Grades 4 & 5. Homeroom teachers will supervise, along with City of Red Deer Rec Centre Pool staff. Field trip forms & payment details to be on your School Engage profile soon! Look for an email on this soon (we're still organizing it) and/or info from your child's homeroom teacher

Please consider attending School Council Meetings!

OP School Council is an active and supportive organization that our school and students are fortunate to have! Working together, our school council supports and enhances student learning and provides a bridge between school & our parent community. The focus of a School Council is to consider the best interest of all students in the school and to work with school staff to develop, maintain & reflect the positive culture of the school. It is naturally made up of our own parents (formerly called Parent Council).

We would love to see more parents out to help the wonderful work our school council does for our school, our students and our families!

Meetings are "typically" the 3rd Monday of the month at the school for about 1 hour.

Community Liaison Worker - CLW

Schools within RDPSD are all staffed with a Community Liaison Worker (CLW) This is our school counsellor who helps students & families connect to supports for school and life success. Our CLW at OP is Mrs. Carla Feldberg. If you feel your child or your family would benefit from connecting with Ms. Carla, please call the school and we will put you in contact with her.

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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 ASAP.*

This is vital so we have correct information not only for Alberta Education, but also in the event of an emergency. DEADLINE: September 15. If you are unsure how to do this, instructions are found on our [District website under Registration - RSVP](#)

Run Club - Dawe Run - Terry Fox Run

To prepare students for the Dawe Run, Mrs. Terrenzio will be running a Run Club on Tuesday & Thursdays in September for Grades 4 & 5 at lunch recess. Students will be informed over OP News (OPN) and through their Phys Ed Class. The Run Club is optional, however, all students in Grades 4 & 5 participate in the Dawe Run. The Terry Fox Run is a little "smaller" and will include all grades.

DATES:

Dawe Run: Tuesday September 19 (details to follow to parents of Grade 4&5 students) (Alternate Dawe Run Date: Sept 26)



Terry Fox Run: Friday September 22 - during the school day @ OP (weather permitting)

AHS Info - Respiratory Illnesses

AHS requires all schools in the province to report illnesses when:

- absenteeism due to illness is 10% or greater
- there is an unusual number of individuals with similar symptoms

After a school reports, the AHS Public Health Outbreak Team will determine if the school has an outbreak and provide recommendations to stop the spread of illness.

Section 26 of the [Alberta Public Health Act](#) and the [Guide for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Schools](#) provide additional details for your information.



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RDPSD Fair Notice & Practice

In accordance with RDPSD Admin Procedure 165, the [Fair Notice brochure is linked here](#) for your information and perusal. This outlines the process and procedures used to assess threats within a school at all levels. Please contact OP Admin Office if you have any questions.



Student Road Safety



Student safety is always our first priority. Please help us keep your children safe by:

- Using marked crosswalks to cross roads and not “jaywalking” - modelling safety first!
- Parking in designated parking areas only and never overcrowding the parking area around the bus zones (on Oleander Drive and on Oldbury Street)
- NEVER walk your children between the buses to cross the road - if the bus rolls forward or back, someone could be SERIOUSLY injured
- Please abide by the AMA Student Crosswalk leaders when they start up. They are volunteer students who are helping keep our children safe and we need to ensure we are all working together to ensure their safety too.
- Please do not park near the crosswalks and allow for good sightlines for our AMA Patrollers & supervisors. There is LOTS of parking on Olsen Street at the beginning and end of the day where here is far less congestion!

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe everyday!

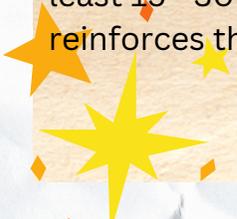
Student Success at School

Research shows that the TWO greatest factors for student success in school are:

- regular & consistent attendance
- reading skills/literacy skills

Students who attend regularly build good school habits, miss less instruction, understand more of the curriculum, and build a solid foundation on which to build social relationships and academic knowledge. This translates into good school habits through middle and high school and into any post-secondary studies. Students who are allowed to miss school (notwithstanding illnesses) are much more likely to not graduate high school and have a harder time in the workforce securing regular employment - good school habits and the skills they learn correlate directly to the workforce.

Please encourage your child to attend regularly and support the importance of education and literacy as often as you can! Elementary students seldom have “homework”, however, all students should read at home every night. As part of the regular bed time routine, encourage your child to read to you at least 15 - 30 minutes nightly. This will increase their literacy skills and lead to success in school! It also reinforces the importance that your family places on learning, literacy, and school.



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Bus Information

Applications for the 2023/2024 school year are now past due. Distances have changed for this 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. You can sign up for email alerts through MySchool Bus Monitor to learn instantly about school bus delays - [click here to sign up](#).



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 or Jacki 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!

Healthy Hunger

A nice treat each month is our [Healthy Hunger](#) program - lunches made & delivered to the school by local restaurants. Parents order and pay online & students enjoy a fun hot lunch. Log in to create an account and order for the entire year! At the time of newsletter delivery not ALL the dates have been set, but School Council is working on it! We're hoping by Friday September 8th - all dates will be set for the year. So far, here are the upcoming dates & lunches:

- Sept 21: Fresh Slice
- Oct 18: Original Joes
- Nov 23: Edo Japan
- Dec 14: State & Main

We will update in the October newsletter when the rest of the year is set!

healthyhunger.ca

Breakfast / Lunch Program

OP is pleased to continue our Breakfast Program, which is available to ALL students. There are many reasons why a student may come to school without breakfast, so if that happens, please know that we will ensure your child has something to eat. We have wonderful volunteers who help prepare nutritious breakfast items for the students. The Mustard Seed supports our students in need of lunches daily - Please contact Jacki, Sandy or Carla Feldberg (our CLW) if your child would benefit from the lunch program.



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

MONTH
Names to follow

Each month we will list the names of students nominated by their teacher for one of the District Values for Learning & Life

CURIOUS

MONTH
Names to follow

If your child has a FOIP document signed, we will contact you for permission to post their **FIRST NAME** only for recognition

COLLABORATIVE

MONTH
Names to follow

Since we have just started the school year, the October newsletter will display the names of students nominated in the month of September

RESPONSIBLE

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Names to follow

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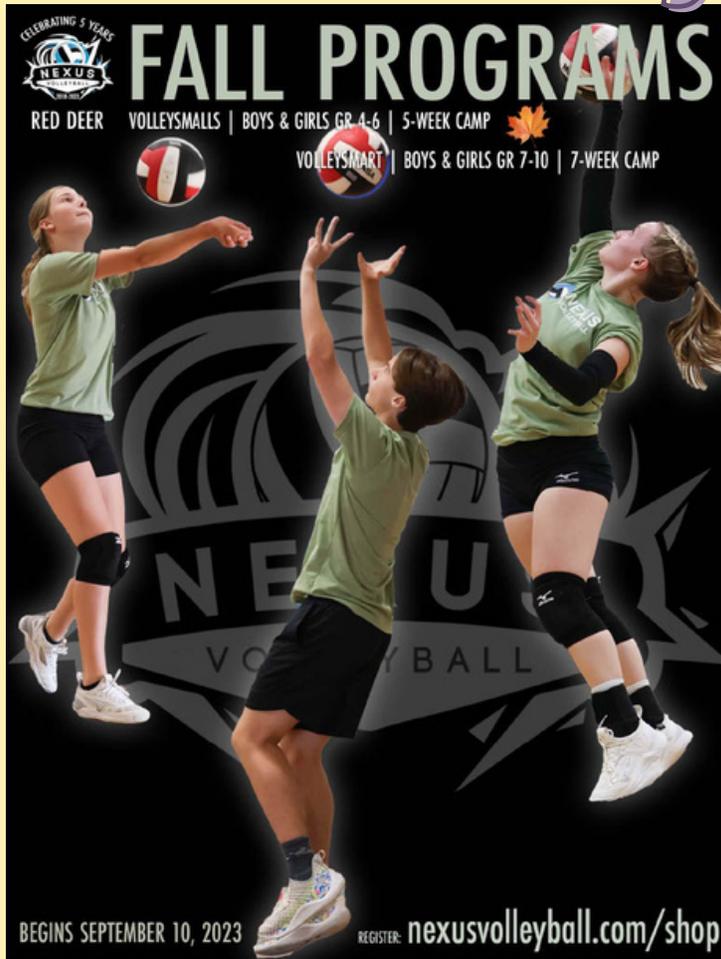
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HEALTHY

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Community Connections



FALL PROGRAMS
RED DEER VOLLEYSMALLS | BOYS & GIRLS GR. 4-6 | 5-WEEK CAMP
VOLLEYSMART | BOYS & GIRLS GR. 7-10 | 7-WEEK CAMP

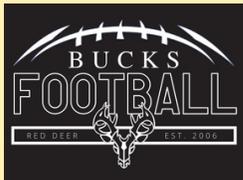
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 REGISTER: nexusvolleyball.com/shop

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 @ [780-719-9153](mailto:kerbearhugs@gmail.com) or kerbearhugs@gmail.com

Red Deer Native Friendship Society

[September Newsletter Link](#)



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

Back to School Resources for Families

([Common Sense Media](#))

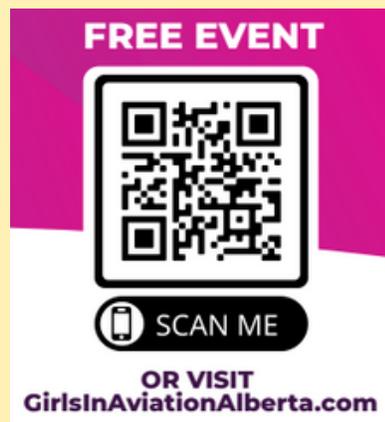


INTERESTED IN AVIATION?

Girls IN AVIATION DAY 2023

PLAY, LEARN, CONNECT

SEPT 23 2023 FREE EVENT REGISTER TODAY RED DEER REGIONAL AIRPORT 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM



FREE EVENT

SCAN ME

OR VISIT GirlsInAviationAlberta.com

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](#)

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.

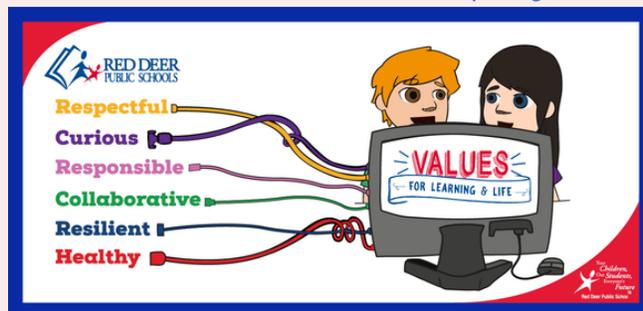
Please join our Oriole Park School Parents & School Council Facebook Group! [Link Here](#)

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

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.