



ORIOLE PARK



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March | 2024

Toujours amis where friendships begin

Message from the Office

We are so excited to welcome the warmer days of winter knowing Spring is right around the corner! The days are noticeably longer and the recent snowfall has given the kiddos a lot of fun outside building snow forts, snow angels, and other creative winter ideas!

We have Student Led Conferences/Parent Teacher Interviews soon! Report cards will go live in PowerSchool on Monday March 11th. Please log into your Parent PowerSchool portal and check on your child's progress. You can book EITHER a spot for a Student Led Conference (where your child demonstrates their learning) or an individual Parent Teacher Interview with the teacher. More information can be found in the newsletter.

Mark your calendar for the week of March 18 - 22 where we focus on the "Healthy" Value and "Eat the Rainbow". Students will be encouraged to bring a healthy lunch/snack item of a different color each day and we will celebrate healthy choices on Friday by providing all students with a healthy smoothie. Healthy eating combined with regular attendance leads to higher student success in school. More information to follow on what day of the week celebrates which "color of the rainbow". Eat the Rainbow!! :)

We want to take this opportunity to welcome back two of our long-standing staff members who were gone on Maternity Leave! Welcome back to Grade 2 English Program Teacher, Mrs. Ashley Fowler and to Grade 3 French Immersion Teacher, Mrs. Kayla Lockhat! They have recently returned to the classroom after a year at home welcoming a new little precious one to their family. A huge debt of thanks goes out to Mrs. Lauren Wark/Ms. Hanna McKay (Grade 2 teachers) and Mme Cassandra Klaudt (Grade 3) who took over the duties in the classroom in their absence.

We would like to recognize and thank a few of our OP Families who have donated some wonderful items to our school/programs:

- Kopitoski Family - a Deep Freeze for our Kitchen/Nutrition Program
- Kalucki Family - a large playhouse set for the Kindergarten Centres
- Rusnel Family - a large donation of English & French books for classroom book selections &/or main library
- Various Families - helmets &/or skates for our PE program

Thank you to all our families for your support of OP School and all the programs/learning we do each day to make our school a great place for your child to grow, learn, and thrive. Enjoy the longer, warmer days ahead!

Important Dates

- March 10 | Term 3 Report Cards live in Power School
- March 12 | City Wide School Council – Joseph Welsh Host
- March 13 | French Immersion Grades 3 – 5 Concert
- March 13 | Student Led Conferences 4 – 6 pm
- March 14 | Individual Parent Teacher Interviews 10 – 12 noon
- March 14 | Student Led Conferences 1:00 – 5:00 pm
- March 14 | No School for Students (Student Led Conf)
- March 15 | Staff Learning Day
- March 18-22 | OP Eat the Rainbow Week – Healthy
- March 20 | OP School Council Meeting – 6 PM Library
- March 21 | Crazy Sock Day @ OP
- March 21 – Five Guys Burger & Fries OP Fundraiser for YWCC
- March 22 | OP Smoothie Day
- March 27 | Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch – Taco Time
- March 27 | Grade 5 Basketball Tournament @ LTCHS
- March 29 – Good Friday – Spring Break Begins
- March 29 – April 7 | Spring Break – No School for Students or Staff





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Your Input is Important!

The Red Deer Public School Board of Trustees would like your input on the 2024-25 Strategic Planning this March.

Superintendent Chad Erickson will engage parents about strategic planning at the next scheduled City Wide School Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 12. Information and input gathered from parents at this meeting will be used by trustees and senior admin at their strategic planning meeting later in March.



This meeting will be held at Joseph Welsh Elementary School on Tuesday March 12 at 7:00 pm.
Address: 4401 37 Ave, Red Deer, AB T4N 2T5.



Assurance Survey



As indicated in the February newsletter, parents of **GRADE FOUR students** are eligible to complete the [Government of Alberta Assurance Survey](#). **Grade 4 parents** should have received information and a Random Access Code in a package mailed to your home. The survey is open until March 1st so if you haven't already, please take 5 minutes to provide your feedback and have a voice in Education.



Grade 5 Basketball - March 27

In mid-February, our Grade 5 students were invited to participate in our Grade 5 Basketball Program. We are underway with noon practices to help students develop their basketball skills. The gym is a busy place with our kids learning basic basketball skills!!! We have enough students for TWO teams!!! Way to go Orioles!



There is a culmination tournament at Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School on March 27th (3:45 - 6:45 pm) for the students. Save the Date - we welcome all parent spectators!

More info to follow as the Division Phys Ed Teachers & Admin solidify the details. **Thank you Mrs. Terrenzio, Mrs. Tuazon-King & Mrs. Robertson for coaching our basketball teams!!!**

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Student Led Conferences / Parent Teacher Interviews



At our last School Council Meeting - there was a desire from parents to have the option to choose an individual / private Parent Teacher Interview (like we do in October & December) or to do Student Led Conferences where your child shows you their learning and progress and the teacher is there to field general questions. Up to 4 families can book for one 20-minute slot for Student Led Conferences. We encourage you to choose WHICH of these two options are best for you and only book one format.

In order to accommodate both formats, our schedule for March Interviews will be:

Wednesday March 13:

Student Led Conferences ONLY 4:00 - 6:00 pm (up to 4 at a time can book for a 20-minute spot)

Thursday March 14:

Parent Teacher Interviews 10:00 am - 12:00 noon (Individual for a 15 min spot)

Thursday March 14:

Student Led Conferences ONLY 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (up to 4 at a time can book for a 20 minute spot)

Interviews can be booked on schoolinterviews.ca as of **March 6th** CODE: **y2zgp** (Y2ZGP)
Please decide if you are doing a 20-minute Student Led (bring your child so they can show/demonstrate their learning)

OR

a 15 minute INDIVIDUAL/Private Parent-Teacher Interview

Candy-Grams!

Leadership did a GREAT job of selling Candy Grams leading up to Valentine's Day and the students loved supporting this cause to buy a Candy-Gram for their friend(s).

Leadership raised \$233.25 - they continue to do great things around OP School that builds school spirit and connections to peers.

As they continue to plan activities and events for our OP Students, they have some seed funds to spend on things they need to make OP a great place to learn, make friends and have fun!

Way to go Leadership Orioles!!!



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Young Writers' & Creators' Conference 2024

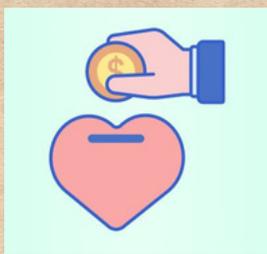
Oriole Park School has been the host school of the Young Writers' and Creators' Conference (YWCC) for 33 years! On April 26, 2024, Grade 4, 5 & 6 students from across Red Deer will be invited to OP for a day of literacy, creating, writing, learning, exploring, drama, baking & cooking, technology learning, and artistic work across a variety of mediums.

We have 6 renowned Alberta Authors, 5 technology gurus, 5 Creators, Bakers, Artistic / Drawing &/or Drama experts, and 2 Presenters with a First Nations focus coming to offer multiple sessions to the student attendees. All students must take at least one writing session and will spend the day learning about story and character development and refining their skills in a variety of areas.

If you have or know of someone who can donate something to the students' registration packages (coupons, pencils, key chains, bookmarks, mints, etc.) please contact the school.

OP - YWCC Fundraiser!

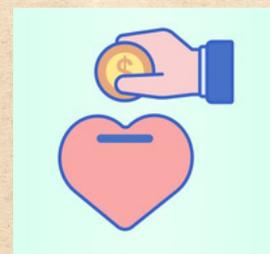
Save the Date(s) and take your colleagues or your family out for lunch/supper!



March 21, 2024

&

April 11, 2024



Five Guys Burgers & Fries will donate **20% of every order** who mentions **École Oriole Park Elementary School** as a fundraiser for our Young Writers' & Creators' Conference! We are fundraising to ensure we can offer a wonderful & comprehensive event for the students in Grades 4, 5, & 6 from RDPD who attend!

Please consider heading to Five Guys on one/both of those dates and be sure to mention OP School as you order!

Tell your friends - neighbors - everyone - too!!



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

Keelie ~ 1J - Mme Josee
Eva ~ 2K- Mme Konan
Bridget ~ 3K - Mme Klautd
James ~ Pathways - Mrs Steele
Emberlyn ~ KB - Ms. Baird
Cathy ~ KB - Ms. Baird
Mekah ~ 3HR - Mme Ruest
Mahmoud ~ 3W - Mrs. Weststrate

CURIOUS

Jaxon K ~ KK- Mme Kuziak
Ryan ~ 2K - Mme Konan
Adam F ~ 3K- Mme Klautd
Adam E ~ 3K- Mme Klautd

COLLABORATIVE

Alivia ~ KK- Mme Kuziak
Cassidy ~ 2K- Mme Konan
Caroline ~ 3K- Mme Klautd
Amia ~ 3K- Mme Klautd
Vance ~ 3HR - Mr. Hart
Jaxon R ~ 5T/K - Mrs. Tuazon-King

RESPONSIBLE

Chloe ~ KK - Mme Kuziak
Seth ~ 1J - Mme Josee
Griffin ~ 1J - Mme Josee
Nicole ~ 3HR - Mr. Hart
Kheanne ~ 4T/K - Mrs. Tuazon-King
Avery ~ 5T/K - Mrs. Tuazon-King

RESILIENT

Oliver ~ 1J- Mme Josee
Braxton ~ 3K- Mme Klautd
Youssef ~ 3K- Mme Klautd
Sawyer ~ KB - Ms. Baird
Bellamy ~ KB - Ms. Baird
Johnny ~ 3HR - Mr. Hart
Alton ~ 5T/K - Mrs. Tuazon-King
Hunter ~ 4B/T - Miss Bourke

HEALTHY

Askur ~ 1J- Mme Josee
Cecilia ~ 3K- Mme Klautd
Juniper ~ 3K- Mme Klautd
Michael ~ 4B/T - Miss Bourke

French Immersion Concert

Canadian Parents for French and our Learning Services International Program are pleased to partner to offer a wonderful musical journey in the French Language for our FRIM students! Etienne is an award-winning Canadian musician who seeks to inspire and motivate students to learn a second language through music. His songs help teach language concepts that students learn in core French Immersion classes. Our Grade 3 - 5 French Immersion classes will be heading to the Crossroads Church on March 13 for a concert from 10 am - 11:15 am. The cost to our students is \$6.00 (the rest is subsidized by the Division and CPF)

Community Connections



Ecole Oriole Park Elementary School

Needs your support!

Join us on March 21, 2024 from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm
at

Five Guys Red Deer

Five Guys will donate 20% of your purchase on
March 21, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
to Ecole Oriole Park Elementary School

Please present this flyer or identify yourself as part of **Ecole Oriole Park Elementary School** at time of purchase in order for your transaction to count!



FIVE GUYS HOLDINGS ©2014 FGE/360/0414/E

Inclusion Alberta - Conference Link

Inclusion Alberta Family Conference happening on April 12 and 13 in Edmonton. Saturday Session(s) are geared to parents/families who are interested. There is conference pricing at the Fantasyland Hotel.

SUMMER CAMPS
Bot Basics and Beyond:
Your Introduction to Bot Programming
Ages: 9-12

Register now at 10peaks.ca/camps

July 22 - 26, 2024
Lacombe Composite High School OR
Centre for Social Impact: Lower-Level Training Center,
Downtown Red Deer

TenPeaks

GET YOUR "TECH ON" AND TACKLE A REAL WORLD PROBLEM: **FOOD SCARCITY.**
Proudly Sponsored By: **ATB**

Ten Peaks Innovation is excited to announce their half day summer camp Bot Basics and Beyond Camp: Your Introduction to Bot Programming. Get your "tech on" and start your journey to programming and design thinking! Discover your ability to be creative and harness your passion for robotics. Throughout this hands-on, half day camp, you'll code and design a robot. Be introduced to concepts behind design thinking, sustainability, agri-tech and automation. Learn about the use of robotics in the real world.

OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION NIGHT

Families are invited to learn about the
2024/2025 Sports Academy

MARCH 4
6:30 - 7:30 PM
THE DOME
334 ENERGY WAY

GRADES 6-12

- BASEBALL
- HOCKEY
- SOCCER
- SPORTFIT

DEVELOP PERSONAL CHARACTER THROUGH THE LOVE OF SPORT



Community Connections

KINDERGARTEN ACADEMY OF DISCOVERY

Literacy and Numeracy

learning through discovery and play

Full day, every school day
ENGLISH Kindergarten
 programming at Annie L. Gaetz
 Elementary with partial costs
 covered by families

Focused on developing
 intellectual and academic skills
 through play based learning
 led by a Certified Teacher and
 Educational Assistant

This program costs \$500 per month

Registration began January 15, 2024

Register online by visiting our website rdpsd.ab.ca

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



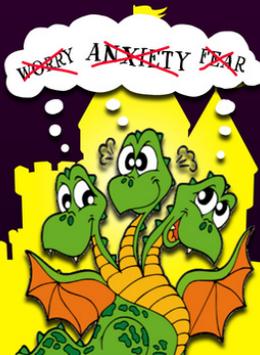
Game	Time	Day	Venue	Participants
Opening Ceremonies	8:45 - 9:30 am	Thursday	LT Main	All Teams
Game 1	11:00 AM	Thursday	LT BAM	#1 vs #16
Game 2	11:00 AM	Thursday	GW Harris N	#8 vs #9
Game 3	11:00 AM	Thursday	GW Harris S	#5 vs. #12
Game 4	11:00 AM	Thursday	St. Joseph's	#4 vs. #13
Game 5	1:00 PM	Thursday	St. Joseph's	#3 vs. #14
Game 6	1:00 PM	Thursday	GW Harris S	#6 vs. #11
Game 7	1:00 PM	Thursday	GW Harris N	#7 vs #10
Game 8	1:00 PM	Thursday	LT BAM	#2 vs #15
Game 1	11:00 AM	Thursday	Notre Dame	#1 vs #16
Game 2	11:00 AM	Thursday	Central Zone Qualifier	#8 vs #9
Game 3	11:00 AM	Thursday	RDP Main	#5 vs. #12
Game 4	11:00 AM	Thursday	LT Main	#4 vs. #13
Game 5	1:00 PM	Thursday	LT Main	#3 vs. #14
Game 6	1:00 PM	Thursday	RDP Main	#6 vs. #11
Game 7	1:00 PM	Thursday	Central Zone Qualifier	#7 vs #10
Game 8	1:00 PM	Thursday	Notre Dame	#2 vs #15
Game 9	6:00 PM	Thursday	LT Main	Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
Game 10	6:00 PM	Thursday	Notre Dame	Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4
Game 11	6:00 PM	Thursday	Notre Dame	Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6
Game 12	8:00 PM	Thursday	LT Main	Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8
Game 9	6:00 PM	Thursday	GW Harris	Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
Game 10	6:00 PM	Thursday	St. Joseph's	Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4
Game 11	8:00 PM	Thursday	St. Joseph's	Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6
Game 12	8:00 PM	Thursday	GW Harris	Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8
Game 13	9:00 AM	Friday	LT Main	Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2
Game 14	9:00 AM	Friday	Notre Dame	Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4
Game 15	11:00 AM	Friday	Notre Dame	Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6
Game 16	11:00 AM	Friday	LT Main	Loser Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8
Game 13	9:00 AM	Friday	LT BAM	Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2
Game 14	9:00 AM	Friday	GW Harris	Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4
Game 15	11:00 AM	Friday	GW Harris	Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6
Game 16	11:00 AM	Friday	LT BAM	Loser Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8
Game 17	3:00 PM	Friday	Notre Dame	Loser Game 9 vs. Loser Game 10
Game 18	3:00 PM	Friday	GW Harris	Loser Game 11 vs. Loser Game 12
Game 19	7:00 PM	Friday	Notre Dame	Winner Game 13 vs. Winner Game 14
Game 20	7:00 PM	Friday	LT BAM	Winner Game 15 vs. Winner Game 16
Game 21	5:00 PM	Friday	GW Harris	Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10
Game 22	7:00 PM	Friday	GW Harris	Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12
Game 17	3:00 PM	Friday	LT Main	Loser Game 9 vs. Loser Game 10
Game 18	3:00 PM	Friday	LT BAM	Loser Game 11 vs. Loser Game 12
Game 19	5:00 PM	Friday	LT BAM	Winner Game 13 vs. Winner Game 14
Game 20	5:00 PM	Friday	Notre Dame	Winner Game 15 vs. Winner Game 16
Game 21	5:00 PM	Friday	LT Main	Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10
Game 22	7:00 PM	Friday	LT Main	Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12
Game 23	11:00 AM	Saturday	Notre Dame	Winner Game 17 vs. Winner Game 18
Game 24	11:00 AM	Saturday	LT Main	Winner Game 19 vs. Winner Game 20
Game 25	3:00 PM	Saturday	LT Main	Loser Game 21 vs. Loser Game 22
Game 26	7:30 PM	Saturday	LT Main	Winner Game 21 vs. Winner Game 22
Game 23	9:00 AM	Saturday	Notre Dame	Winner Game 17 vs. Winner Game 18
Game 24	9:00 AM	Saturday	LT Main	Winner Game 19 vs. Winner Game 20
Game 25	1:00 PM	Saturday	LT Main	Loser Game 21 vs. Loser Game 22
Game 26	5:00 PM	Saturday	LT Main	Winner Game 21 vs. Winner Game 22

TAMING WORRY DRAGONS

This 7-week program is designed to support children ages 5 - 8 years old as they explore and understand their feelings of anxiety, fear, and worry.

Parents are required to attend the concurrent parenting group focused on helping parents understand and support their children.

This program is not designed for children with a diagnosis.



WEDNESDAYS
 APRIL 17 - MAY 29, 2024
 6:00 - 7:30 PM

\$95/CHILD
 (no siblings)
 5409 - 50TH AVE.

Register online at
www.fsca.ca
 For more information please call
 403 - 343 - 6400



February 28
 to
 April 10
 2024

Family Services of Central Alberta Presents:

CONQUER
 your
ANXIETY & WORRIES

For Tweens

• Tween & Parent program

• Focusing on increasing knowledge, enhancing skills & gaining practical tools for tweens who experience anxiety

Program information & Registration at fsca.ca

WEDNESDAYS
 6:00 - 7:30pm

LTCHS is proud to announce we are hosting 4A High School Basketball Provincials March 14-16.

There are several games happening at different venues over the course of the event!

We have 3 courts at RDP We have games happening at LTCHS, St Joes, and Notre Dame an there could be ONE more venue after playoffs! Please join the action and support 4A B'ball!

Community Connections

School Council Information

March 20, 2024

Meeting

6 PM - PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Please consider joining us for a 6 pm

School Council meeting and planning for our Spring Fling Family Dance (in May)

Coming Soon! 2024 Spring Flower Fundraising Drive

OP School Council is currently organizing the annual spring flower fundraiser in partnership with Blue Grass Nurseries

Baskets, patio planters, tomatos, etc.



Please watch your email for more information on the Spring Flower Fundraiser & the order form!

Please consider attending the next School Council Meeting (March 20) to help organize the Spring Fling Family Dance (May 23)

Youth HQ Programs

 Red Deer & District Club



**Be true.
Be brave.
Be proud.**

Thursdays | Ages 13-17
4:00pm-6:00pm
Drop In Any Week

Youth HQ
4633 49 St, Red Deer

2SLGBTQI+ & Allies Welcome



 Get in touch!
taraw@youthhq.ca
YOUTHHQ.CA
403-342-6500

Sept. 2023

 Red Deer & District Club

YOUTH DROP IN

2:30PM - 4:00PM
MONDAY - THURSDAY
YOUTH HQ 4633 49 ST



AGES 13-17



YOUTH HQ

FOR MORE INFO
HEZP@YOUTHHQ.CA



Community Connections

Youth HQ Program



KEYSTONE **YOUTH HQ**
RED DEER

For all youth aged 13-17
Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm
Youth HQ, 4633 49 Street
September 27 - May 15

WHY JOIN KEYSTONE?

1. HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS
2. HELP PLAN OR JUST JOIN IN
3. KEYSTONE IS TOTALLY FREE

Register Today
Spots are limited

YOUTH HQ.CA
BGC@YOUTH HQ.CA
403-342-6500

Check us out at YOUTH HQ.CA



Para-Hockey Try it!



TEAM JIGGER
Together Every BODY Achieves More

PARA-HOCKEY TRY IT EVENTS Junior Jets

Free for anyBODY

Come down to the Dawe Center Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 to try out Para-Hockey

Our next sessions will run

February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2024

March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2024

CALL RAY WASDAL FOR MORE INFORMATION 403-318-3623

SCAN TO PRE-REGISTER



NEW

RED DEER MINOR FOOTBALL PRESENTS

FLAG FOOTBALL

By popular demand, R.D.M.F. is proud to offer Central Alberta an all new, coed Flag Football League!!

ALL EQUIPMENT IS SUPPLIED, JUST BRING YOUR SHORTS, CLEATS AND GAME FACE

PRACTICE & GAME DAY ON SUNDAYS AT ROSEDALE FIELD

SEASON DURATION: APRIL TO JUNE 2024

AGES: U8 - U14 COST: \$150.00 *check-out our registration incentive

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER VISIT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.REDDERMINORFOOTBALL.CA



FLAG FOOTBALL!

CONTACT US

OP Contact Info



403 - 347 - 3731



op@rdpsd.ab.ca



oriolepark.rdpsd.ab.ca



403 - 347 - 3735

opinfo@rdpsd.ab.ca

or use [Parent App](#)



5 Oldbury Street
Red Deer AB
T4N 2A8



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, March 20, 2024

6:00 PM

OP Library

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

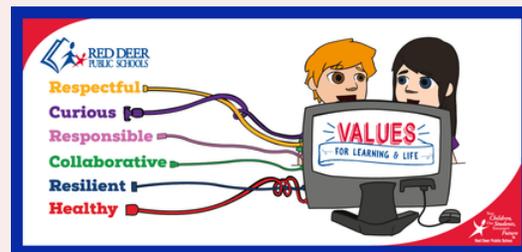
ALL OP Parents are welcome to attend.
Please join our Oriole Park School Parents & School
Council Facebook Group! [Link Here](#)

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 - Student Led Conferences)

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