



Rycroft School Newsletter



October 28, 2020

HOME OF THE RYCROFT RAIDERS

CONTACT US: (780) 765-3830

Message from Mrs. Hynes

Some snow, some rain, some sun!

As the temperature begins to drop, please ensure your child/children are properly dressed for the weather. We do go outside 3 times each day, weather permitting.

Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for Wednesday October 28 and Thursday October 29, from 4-7, by appointment. If you did not get an appointment and would like to schedule one, please call the school 780-765-3830.

Halloween

On Thursday, October 29 students are welcome to bring their costume to school and change at 2:15. We will have a distanced parade in the gym so students can view all the costumes. Classes will then return to their homerooms for the remainder of the day. Due to restrictions this year we are unable

to accept homemade goodies for class parties. The leadership team has put together goodie bags, with the help of a generous donation from Nutrien, to ensure all students receive treats.

Thank you to UFA and Rick's Fuel Services Ltd for the \$500 donation towards healthy snacks.

Throughout the year we practice both fire drills, lock downs and hold in place. A lock down is called when there is a threat near or inside the school. The school's outer doors are locked and students are kept in locked classrooms or secure locations. Lights are turned off, blinds are pulled and windows are covered to obscure visibility into classrooms. Cell phone use is restricted and school phones are not answered. A hold in place is called when there is a threat in the general vicinity of the school. The outer doors are locked but classes

continue as normal inside. If you have any questions regarding a lockdown, hold in place or fire drill, please contact the school.

Thank you

Mrs. Hynes

Reminders:

If arrangements have been made for someone else to be picking up your child/children from school we ask that you please notify the school in advance.

Dates to remember

Oct 30	No School – CSW
Nov 1	Time Change – Fall back
Nov 2	Early Dismissal 3:00pm
Nov 6	Pizza Hot Lunch pre-ordered
Nov 11	No School Remembrance Day
Nov 20	No School PD Day
Nov 25	Subway Hot Lunch pre-ordered
Nov 27	No School CSW
Dec 7	Early Dismissal 3:00pm
Dec 11	No School CSW
Dec 21	Christmas Break Begins

Classroom News

Check out the latest news from our classrooms.

JK and ECS – Mrs. Selbach

Happy Halloween Everyone! It's crazy that it is already the end of October! The month has flown by!

In JK we are working on learning our school routine and we are also working on pencil grips and scissor skills. There are only 4 girls in our class this year. These four girls love to make crafts so we have been busy making lots of fun crafts. We even made bead necklaces the other day and they all did a fabulous job.

In ECS we are still talking about shapes and we have also been practicing our sorting and we have practiced writing numbers 1 and 2 so far.

Scissor skills are very important. An idea for a cold snowing day at home could be cutting scrap paper like magazines. Remember to remind your child to keep their thumb at the top when cutting.

We are working on letter and number recognition as well in class.

Letters and numbers are all around us! You can help by pointing out letters or numbers at home, at the store or even outside. Any place you see them. You can turn it into a game. Look, can you see a 'B' over there? What sound does a 'B' make? What numbers are on our house?

Just a friendly reminder that it's that time of year when the weather changes throughout the day. It may be warm in the morning but snowing or raining in the afternoon. Please send your children to school with warm clothes. If it is nice in the

morning maybe just throw a pair of mittens and a toque in their backpack in case the weather changes. Snow pants are great too as the students like to play in the snow.

As always please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns via your child's agenda, email at shaunaselbach@pwpsd.ca or phone at 780-765-3830.

Grade 1/2– Mrs. Anderson

Hello families!

We have had a great October in grades 1 & 2. Students have learned the routines for work and keeping themselves organized. They are easily adapting to any changes that come up in the classroom. This next month will be filled with lots of hard work to finish the unit on measurement. Ask your children if they know the days of the week. In November we will be working with numbers to 100 and seeing all the patterns numbers can make. I wonder how many cars they will see on the highway next time you take a trip out of town.

We are also continuing to work with magnets to understand how and why they stick to certain metals. Soon, we will be taking an imaginary trip to Meteghan to learn about communities in other parts of the country.

Grade 3/4 – Mr. Mackintosh

We have completed a unit on place value in Math during the month of October. We will be using the concepts learned in this unit to expand our knowledge of addition and subtraction over the next few months. In Language Arts, we have

learned about verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and articles. We have also learned about fact and opinion as well as fiction and nonfiction texts. We will be exploring the text features of nonfiction texts over the next few weeks. We will also begin to discuss paragraphs and their components during the month of November. In Social Studies class we have been learning about Alberta's geological regions. Over the next few weeks we will explore the topics of climate and Alberta's fossil heritage. We have begun learning about decomposers in our Science class. We have been conducting an experiment with mold to help with our understanding of how decomposers grow and thrive. During this experiment the students completed observations and prediction questions. We will be focusing on composting, recycling, and the three R's of waste management over the next few weeks.

Grade 5/6 – Miss Standish

Hello from Grade 5/6

The grade 5/6 class has been busy learning many new things. We start each morning with Language Arts. The first 20 minutes are dedicated to Daily Grammar Review and Daily Reading Comprehension. Students are working on writing super sentences with description and details. They are using these skills to write weekly paragraphs and journal entries. In Math both grades are working through the Geometry unit, focusing on 2-D shapes. The Grade 5 class is learning about quadrilaterals, and parallel,

perpendicular, and intersecting lines. Grade 6 students are learning to classify and name triangles according to side length and angles. In Science we are beginning to wrap up our Evidence and Investigation Unit. Students will begin a project where they must plan a crime scene. In Social Studies we are coming to the end of our unit on Democracy in Canada. Students completed an individual project explaining Canada's Democratic system to people who are new to Canada.

In Grade 5/6 there is always lots to do, and new things to learn.

Grade 7/8– Ms. Zutter

Junior high students are continuing to be busy as we near the end of October. In math, both grades are learning how to complete operations with fractions - grade sevens are working on adding and subtracting fractions, and grade eights are working on multiplying and dividing them. In social studies, we have just finished examining European explorers and reasons why they came to North America, and are moving on to study European colonies in what would later become Canada. In language arts, we are continuing our grammar study, are practicing writing dialogue, and are investigating and writing short stories.

Students are continuing to work at staying organized with their lockers, notebooks and other materials and to stay on top of their homework.

As we are moving into our colder temperatures, please remind your child to come to school dressed to be outside, including a coat, boots, gloves/mittens, and hat.

As always, if you need to contact me for any reason, please feel free to email me at kathyzutter@pwpsd.ca, or to call the school office.

Friends of Rycroft School and School Advisory Council

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the meetings. Please welcome our new SAC Executive:

Chairperson: Tanis Vinck
Vice Chair: Kim Schramm
Secretary: Angie Bouchard

New FORS Executive:

Chairperson: Judy Kim
Vice Chair: Julie Hynes
Secretary: Tanis Vinck
Treasurer: Miranda Boivin

Our next meeting will be on:

December 1, 2020 @ 5:15pm

Please mark your calendars!

Fundraising

We have started our Poinsettia fundraiser. This year we have added the option to order and pay online.

If this does not work for you please get in touch with the school or any student. The deadline for orders is November 16, 2020

Thank you once again to anyone who is able to participate or support.

Rycroft.growingsmilesfundraising.com

Complete the ASCA survey by midnight, Friday, November 6, 2020

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) invites parents/guardians with children in K-12 to participate in a survey to help them measure the "pandemic pulse" in the return to schooling with COVID-19 implications. **Complete the ASCA survey by midnight, Friday, November 6, 2020:**

<https://ca.surveygizmo.com/s3/50085641/ASCApreventcovidtest>



Alberta
School Councils' Association

**Parent / Guardian
Survey on School
Re-entry and Covid-19**

Exhausted Going Shopping in GP
on your own? Take the Bus!
Book with us now:

- * \$25 Round Trip, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and Thursdays
- * Leaves between 8:30am and
9am, Return by 5:00pm



Upcoming Events:

Babysitting Course:

Saturday November 7

9am-4pm

Brownlee Building, Spirit River

Registration Deadline: November 4

Cost: \$50

NOVEMBER

Central Peace FCSS

Where Family and Community Matter

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SANTAS FOR SENIORS!

Is back again for another great year!
Call our office after Nov. 16th to sponsor a senior's gift this Christmas!

Looking for a couple volunteers to help deliver gifts December 16th– let Julie know if you're interested

Christmas Hamper Applications are out this month.
Please have your application in to the FCSS office by

DECEMBER 4

If you or someone you know needs some help to make Christmas special this year, let our office know. Also, we are doing **Christmas Meals for Seniors**– let us know of a senior who could use some community support with meals through the **Holiday Season**

If you would like to **volunteer** with these Christmas Programs, please list your name and number with Julie at FCSS. Masks mandatory. Dates this year are:

December 14– sorting food 4-6pm

December 15– building hampers 10am-4pm

December 18– organizing 9:30am-12:00pm

Cooking Meals for Seniors– call our office for details.
Delivery will be December 22

SNOW ANGELS NEEDS YOU!!

The Snow is Here! Seniors and individuals recovering from surgery and illness are in need of help clearing snow from sidewalks and driveways. Please sign up to help someone out this winter. Volunteer Recognition Certificate is available for Youths

NERF WARS

Saturday, November 14th 10am-Noon

Bring
your own gun if
you have one.
Nerf pistols
also available
for use.

\$5 Admission

Saturday, November 14th
10 am to NOON

@ The Rycroft
Community Hall

Safety glasses
required.
Some available.
Parental supervisor
required.



Friends of the Rycroft Community Hall
"It takes a village"