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## Newsletter for October 31, 2024

### November – REMINDERS

- Nov. 5 – Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 1:00 pm
- Nov. 6 – Popcorn Day, School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm  
- Black/Red Dress-up Day
- Nov. 7 – PD Day No School
- Nov. 8 – Day in Lieu of PTI's – No School
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day – No School
- Nov. 12 – Flower Orders Due
- Nov. 14 – Hot Dog Day, Assembly @ 2:05 pm
- Nov. 18-22 – Skating Week
- Nov. 21 – Hot Lunch –“SUBS”  
- Support your Team – Dress-up Day
- Nov. 25-28 – Book Fair
- Nov. 25 – Growing Smiles Flower Pickup
- Nov. 27 – Parent Teacher Interviews from 5:00 to 8:30 pm
- Nov. 28 – Parent Teacher Interviews from 4:00 to 6:30 pm

Mark your calendar – Winter Carnival – Dec. 7



### Principal's Message:

What a fantastic month of October! We have had a great first two months of school, which were both very busy! The golf team, flag football teams, and the mini handball team all represented our school very well! We appreciated the Online Safety presentation by Constable Bobby from the Parkland RCMP Detachment, who will be visiting our school throughout the year.

Last week, our Grade 7 students began their first week of Career and Technology Foundations (CTF). They had the opportunity to connect with peers from Onoway, Grasmere, and Darwell, exploring various skills and interests related to potential career paths. A big thank you to everyone who came out to support the students at the CTF Showcase on Friday afternoon!

Students are also very happy to have events and groups back up and running. Hotdog lunches, dress-up days, assemblies, leadership groups, and intramural teams are all adding to the excitement around the school.

This month we have our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at 12:45 pm on Tuesday, November 5th, featuring presentations from all grades so, if you can make it out, we would love to see you here! We will also have report cards going home on Friday, November 22nd with Parent-Teacher Interviews to follow on Wednesday, November 27th from 5-8:30 pm and Thursday, November 28th from 4-6:30 pm. The Book Fair will be running during the week of interviews so it will be open those nights as well.

Also, please mark your calendars, as we will be skating the week of November 18th –22nd. We will skate throughout the afternoons at the arena and can always use some extra hands to tie some skates!

Please try to make it out to the School Council meeting on Wednesday, November 6th at 7 pm here at the school. Also, watch for flower order forms coming home, which is a great fundraiser for the Enhancement Society and one that benefits the school and our students. Thank you in advance!

Have a great weekend.

*Rod Peterson*

# KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Rich Valley School

October 31, 2024

## Classroom News

### Literacy

This month for Literacy, we continued our study of letters and sounds. So far this year we have studied the letters P, U, O, M and X. Students should be able to name these letters (both upper and lower case) and say the letter sound. The children have also practiced printing these letters. They should be able to form these letters with minimal assistance. We will keep practicing these throughout the year. It is important to continue to practice these skills at home on a regular basis.

### Numeracy

In Numeracy, the kindergarten students have focused on the numbers zero, one and two. Time was also spent counting items, printing numbers and a little sorting. We will continue to practice these skill throughout the year, as well as learning more numbers. Students are also continuing to learn about patterns. They have been learning how to identify patterns and are also able to create their own!

### Show and Tell

Our first month of show and tell has gone great! If your child forgets to bring something on their day to share, they can just tell/share a story. Please remember, that whatever they bring from home should fit in a grocery bag. Thanks!



*What to practice at home...*

*-letters (name & sound)*

*-printing name  
(uppercase only on first letter)*

*-counting to ten & counting groups of objects*

### Important Dates:

- November 5- Remembrance Day Ceremony at 12:45.
- November 7- 11 no School.
- November 21- Report cards go home
- November 27/28- Parent Teacher Interviews



# Miss Suitor's Grade 1 October Newsletter



## Language Arts

In Language Arts, I have introduced all the tool sounds we will be using throughout the year. We will continue referring to your "Tool Soundboard", in order to guide our reading and writing. We will continue to practice these sounds during various activities and games. The students are continuing to learn and practice their sight words each week, thank you for completing the weekly homework!

Students are continuing to print their letters, names and words each morning. As the year continues we will eventually work our way up to printing proper sentences.

## Math

In Math, we are continuing our counting routine every morning using our days in school chart! The students are slowly learning how to count by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. We are breaking numbers into two parts, as well as putting two parts together to make a whole. We are also learning to use a number line to add 1 more, 2 more, and take away 1 less, and 2 less than a given number. We will slowly connect this concept to addition and subtraction as the year continues.

## Social Studies

Students are continuing to explore what a community is and discussing the communities they are a part of. We have been tying this concept into our writing lessons, and writing about groups we are a part of!

## Science

We are continuing to work through our Objects Unit. Within this unit, students are comparing different objects using Length and Width and height.

Halloween Fun! What a scary bunch!

Spooky Pasta Lunch!!





**Mrs. Zolmer**

# Grade 2 News

**November 1st,  
2024**



## Special points of interest:

- Nov. 5th— Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 1:00 pm
- Nov. 6th— School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Nov. 6th— Black/ Red Dress-up Day
- Nov. 6th— Popcorn Day
- Nov. 7th-11th— No School
- Nov. 14th— Hot Dog Day
- Nov. 14th— Assembly @ 2:05 pm
- Nov. 18th— 22nd— Skating
- Nov. 21st— Hot Lunch and Support Your Spots Team Dress-up
- Nov. 22nd— Report Cards go Home
- Nov. 25th-28th— Book Fair Week and PFI's

## Math and Language Arts

This month in Math the Grade 2 students wrapped up their unit on patterns. They had their Pattern Fashion Show, which was a huge success and a lot of fun. They are working on completing their "Show What You Know" assessment for patterns. Starting in November, the students will be moving on to learning numbers to 1000. They will be working on skip counting, count-

ing money, writing numbers in expanded form and standard form.

This month in language arts, the students have been working on strengthening their writing through the Empowering Writers program as well as the Visualizing and Verbalizing program. They have been applying what they have learned through various themed writing ac-

tivities.

Show and Share started up this month as well. Many oral language outcomes are covered during this time.



*Partner Work*

## Art and Science

This month in art, the students created a painted "Giving Tree" picture based around the book "The Giving Tree: A Retelling on a Traditional Metis Story."

The students also created "Scream" art and that is up on display in the hallway leading to the gym.

In Science, the students worked through their unit on Matter. They

learned about natural and human made materials, properties of materials, and completed activities to test properties.





# Grade 3/4 Classroom News



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2024

## CLASSROOM AND LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE

We've had a busy month in the grade 3/4 classroom! In Language Arts, students completed their novel study of Bunnica. They really enjoyed the novel and were completely engaged in all of the activities.

This week students have been writing about their Halloween costumes. This writing involves students telling about their Halloween costumes, WITHOUT telling the reader what their costume actually is. Students had to use descriptive words to tell about their costume. This writing was read to the class, and the class had to guess what the costume was. All of the writing was very creative, and we enjoyed guessing each costume.

Students have also spent the last few weeks working on Remembrance Day posters. If students chose, the posters can be submitted to the legion for their annual poster competition. The posters look amazing!

Next week, we will be working on Remembrance Day themed writing.

Our Remembrance Day Celebration is on Tuesday November 5th at 12:45PM. Our class will be singing the song "Be a Light".

## Grade 4 MATH UPDATE

In math this month, the 4's completed their unit about addition and subtraction of large numbers. Within this unit students worked on addition with regrouping, subtraction with borrowing, subtraction across zeros, and addition and subtraction word problems. Students showed good understandings of these concepts. Our next math unit will be "Multiplication and Division". Expect multiplication flashcards to come home with your child in the coming weeks!



## IMPORTANT DATES!

Remembrance Day  
Celebration  
Nov. 5

No School  
November 7, 8, 11

Report Cards  
November 22

Parent-Teacher Interviews  
Nov. 27 & 28





# GRADE 5/6 BOOS!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2024

MRS ALLEN & MISS PETRIE

## Language Arts 5/6

We are continuing our routine of weekly Raz Kids and spelling, they are already showing a lot of growth and progress! They are also expected to keep completing an AR book monthly. Our novel Number the Stars is getting suspenseful as we reach the end of the story. What happened to Mama? Where is Ellen and her family going? We are also learning how to incorporate writing elements such as suspense in our personal stories. How can we make our sentences more interesting? What ideas could we write about an amusement park?

## Math 6

We have been working on our place value unit and are starting to learn about decimals. As a class we completed the challenge of placing different decimals on a number line. They all had different thoughts and debated the best spot for each of them. Where might we see a decimal in real life other than money?

## Math 5

As our unit on factors comes to an end, we are beginning to work on integers. We have practiced placing different negative and positive numbers on a number line. Where can we see examples of integers in real life?

## Music & Art

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO HAVE SENT A RECORDER WITH THEIR CHILD TO SCHOOL. WE HAVE BEEN MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC WITH THE NOTES B, A, G THE PAST FEW WEEKS!

In music we have selected our Remembrance Day song and have been practicing our performance. It is really starting to come together and they are sounding great! We have also been planning and drawing our Remembrance Day posters for the annual legion contest.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- ⇒ Tues, Nov. 5 Remembrance Day Ceremony PM
- ⇒ Nov. 7-11 No School for students
- ⇒ Nov. 18-22 Skating
- ⇒ Nov. 22 Report Cards
- ⇒ Nov. 27-28 Parent Teacher Interviews

### Note to Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for all the support from home this year with your child. I very much appreciate you working with me to achieve the best for your child! Please keep in touch with me via Remind if you have any questions or concerns this year. Thanks!

### Meet Miss Petrie!

Hi, my name is Erika Petrie! I am in my final stretch of elementary education at the University of Alberta. I grew up going to school in Rich Valley and I'm so excited to be back here. Mrs. Allen actually taught me when I was in grade 3, 5 and 6! I have already had the opportunity to teach different subjects and am helping out with dance in preparation for Halloween next week. Volleyball is also starting up right away and I can't wait to get involved with the school teams!





October 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

# Grade 7 News

## 4 Core

During the month of October, we continued with our narrative writing unit, which consists of exciting ways to begin a story, adding elaborative detail, and self-editing their own writing. During math, we continued to work through our integers unit. We are covering addition and subtraction of integers using different manipulatives and strategies. In science we continued with our Interactions and Ecosystems unit. We explored the different ways that bioinvasion, predation, competition and weather can affect an ecosystem. We also created 3D models to represent our understanding of primary and secondary succession. In social we have just finished up our unit on European Explorers and the impact of Imperialism.

## Triple Ball- Go Rhinos!

November 5<sup>th</sup>: Practice @ RVS (4:15 PM pickup)

November 12<sup>th</sup>: Practice @ RVS (4:15 PM pickup)

November 14<sup>th</sup>: Practice @ RVS (4:15 PM pickup)

November 19<sup>th</sup>: Practice @ RVS (4:15 PM pickup)

## CTF

Big congratulations to all RVS students for their commitment and dedication during our first CTF week. The level of engagement was very noticeable in all six options, which resulted in a memorable showcase. Good job RVS!

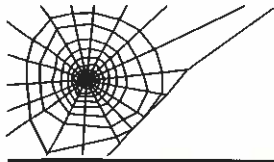
## Dates

November 5<sup>th</sup>:  
Remembrance Day Service

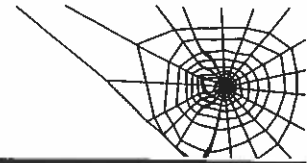
November 6<sup>th</sup>:  
Red/Black Dress Up Day

November 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>:  
NO SCHOOL

Gr. 7 Rocks



# Mrs. Wild's Room



<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>Social</b>

The Grade 3s started working with numbers up to 100000. This means that the students have been learning about place values in five-digit numbers. They are beginning to discover a continuation of patterns that they would have become familiar with in Grade 2, where they learned about two-digit numbers to 100. The students' knowledge of these patterns will next be applied to numbers up to 100 000, and an understanding of place value will be necessary when the Grade 3s start to add and subtract multi-digit numbers.

The Grade 6s have started Social by learning all about Democracy. They studied the principles of democracy; justice, equity, freedoms, and representation; and the rights and responsibilities that come with living in a democratic society. The Grade 6s analyzed the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and compared it to similar documents from around the world. We have also been looking at the collective and individual rights that are protected by the Charter, and at how these rights sometimes interact with each other.

## Social

In October, the Grade 3s have been exploring different ways of mapping Alberta, including to show traditional territories, treaty areas, and Metis settlements. They also learned all about the 6 natural regions of Alberta, and the vegetation, climate, and landforms of each. In order to deepen their understanding of the natural features of Alberta, the students created topographical maps of Alberta, which are now displayed in the cases in the main hallway!







Nearly everyday I have parents, caregivers or staff members express concerns about social media and how it is affecting children. It is a fulltime job trying to stay informed about all matters related to raising healthy children.

I found this excellent article on a site that I frequently use as a resource. They have thoroughly investigated TikTok. Here is an excerpt from an article written by Defend Young Minds Staff on October 29, 2024. The entire article can be found at [Defend Young Minds](#).

## **Why TikTok Isn't Safe for Kids: 5 Shocking Features Parents need to Know Now**

- 1. TikTok LIVE: A Virtual Strip Club" for Minors**
- 2. TikTok addiction develops in just 35 minutes**
- 3. TikTok's Time Limit Feature Fails to Protect Kids**
- 4. TikTok Beauty Filters Harm Kids' Self Esteem and Mental Health**
- 5. Filter Bubbles and Dangerous Content**

### **What Can Parents Do to Keep their Kids Safer from TikTok Dangers?**

- Delay Social Media
- Set Clear Rules
- Monitor Usage
- Talk About What They See
- Find Safer Alternatives
- Build a Support Network

*Detailed strategies, suggestions and links can be found at [Defend Young Minds](#)*

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