

## **WHISKERS WEEKLY**

### **Pot of Gold News: Parent Portal**

Teachers at Rainbow Creek have begun using the Parent Portal <https://ps.rockyview.ab.ca/public/home.html> to record and share assessment information. As this is a new process for our teachers, they are slowly adding information and at this time will be sharing only math assessment data. As a parent, you can expect to see a range of four to ten assignments on the parent portal between now and report card time. If you have not yet set up your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, please contact the school office at 403-273-8129 for support. For additional information on setting up your preferences in the parent portal, please visit our school's website at <http://rcreek.rockyview.ab.ca/parents/powerschool> or the RVS website at <http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/families/families/powerschool>

### **Halloween**

Halloween will be celebrated at Rainbow Creek on Tuesday, October 31st. Students are welcome to wear their costumes for the entire day. Please remember that costumes should be school appropriate – no blood, guts, gore, or weapons. Students will not be allowed to wear masks at school. Stay tuned for information from your child's classroom teacher regarding individual celebrations.

### **Staff Are Learners Too!**

On Friday, October 6 and on Tuesday, October 10, our staff were engaged in a variety of professional learning activities in support of enhancing our students' learning. Some of the topics explored included:

- assessment practices
- entrepreneurial citizenship
- digital portfolios
- guided reading
- digital literacy
- elementary music
- rethinking our language

Our staff gained many good insights and are looking forward to implementing some of the new things that they learned.

### **Dress for the Weather**

Please remember to dress your child for our unpredictable Alberta weather. Students go outside for recess twice a day unless the temperature, with or without a wind chill, falls below -20 C.

### **Veterans Food Bank**

Rainbow Creek will be collecting donations for the Veterans Food Bank until November 10, 2017. Donations can include more than just non-perishable foods: personal hygiene items, bathroom tissue, incontinence products, or financial donations (cheques payable to Calgary Poppy Fund Veterans Food Bank) are also accepted.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

October 13 – Jacket Racket donations end; Freezie Friday starts

October 25-26 – Parent-Teacher Interviews  
Oct 26/27 – No kindergarten both days  
November 8 – Photo retakes and class photos  
November 9 – Remembrance Day ceremony  
November 10 – Last day for Veterans Food Bank donations  
December 8 – Report Cards go home

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