

WHISKERS WEEKLY

Pot of Gold News: PAUL DAVIS, SOCIAL NETWORKING SAFETY SPEAKER

Social Networking Safety speaker Paul Davis has over 25 years of IT experience to share. Paul speaks with students during the day (50- to 60-minute age-appropriate sessions) and follows up with a 90-minute session in the evening for all parents. He provides a common-sense approach to dealing with the technology our kids/young teens use including Snapchat/Twitter/Instagram/Facebook, cyber-bullying, hand-held devices, texting, gaming, and legal matters as well as demonstrating how easily your account can be compromised. To date, Paul has presented to over 380,000 students in Canada alone.

In a joint effort with Chestermere Lake Middle School, Mr. Davis will be coming to Rainbow Creek on September 19th to present his message to our grade 4 and 5 students during the day. That evening at 6:30pm, our School Council is co-hosting a parent session at Chestermere Lake Middle School (128 W Lakeview Drive, Chestermere). We encourage all parents to attend this session. Our School Council will provide babysitting for this event. In order to ensure that we have enough sitters for the children, please RSVP to rcescouncil@gmail.com indicating the number of children that you will be bringing along.

You can read more about Paul on his website at <http://socialnetworkingsafety.net>

BOOMERANG LUNCHES

Did you know that a student's lunch waste can add up to over 30 kg/school year? That can add up to thousands of kilograms per school each year!

A boomerang lunch is one where all garbage from a student's lunch bag is sent back home. As a school, we are trying to reduce the hundreds of bags of garbage that we throw out each week. We would really appreciate your support with this green initiative and encourage you to avoid single-serve containers and pouches: buy a big jar of apple sauce or yogurt and get your kids to help pour it into small re-usable containers on the weekend for the next week. The same can be done with dry goods like crackers, nuts, etc. Buying in bulk will help save money, too!

Volunteers Needed

Miss Smith is excited to start this year's grade fours and fives on their jobs within the school! Some of the jobs need the assistance of volunteers. Please contact Kim Smith at kismith@rockyview.ab.ca if you or another family member (aunt, uncle, grandparent, etc.) can volunteer for one of the following:

Freezie Friday is looking for one or more parent volunteers to help every Friday with this fun little fundraising program. The time commitment is from 9:45-10:45 every Friday.

AMA School Patrols need volunteers to supervise grade five patrollers. The morning shift is from 7:45am-8:15am and the after school shift is from 2:35pm-3:00pm. Volunteers can choose to work one day of the week or more. We can be flexible about the days to best suit the volunteer's schedule.

HOT LUNCH ORDERING

Optional Hot Lunch ordering for grades 1-5 will be open Friday September 8th and close Sunday, September 17th. All payments are due by end of day on September 18th. Late orders and payments will not be accepted – no exceptions. You can pay online with your credit card using PayPal or send payment in your child's agenda; cheques are payable to Rainbow Creek School Council.

All parents will need to create a new account for the new school year at <http://rainbowcreek.hotlunches.net> using code RC2010HL. Please contact deaseamy@gmail.com with any issues.

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hot Lunch Program is looking for volunteers to deliver hot lunch on Thursdays. If you are available either every week, every second week, or every fourth week for 1-1.5 hours we would love to have you. Please email Amy atdeaseamy@gmail.com with your availability so we can create this year's volunteer schedule. This program can not run without volunteers!

HOT LUNCH CO-COORDINATOR NEEDED

This year will be the last for our current hot lunch coordinators. We are looking for one more volunteer to job share and begin shadowing Christine and Amy now. Ideally the candidate would have children in grades 1 or 2 with the anticipation of staying on for 2-3 years.

RVS Nutritional Programs

Over the past eight years Rocky View Schools (RVS) has focused on implementing free breakfast/snack/lunch programs at most schools to ensure each student is ready to learn. These programs have been implemented with the assistance of provincial funding, private donations, and community partnerships. RVS has created nutritional guidelines and provides learning resources to ensure nutritional components of healthy eating choices.

As these various nutritional programs may be available to your child, RVS urges families to discuss whether it is appropriate for their children to participate in the program based on religious, cultural or health factors. RVS does not monitor program participation, allergies, etc., so it is the child's choice to participate in the nutritional program offered at the RVS school your child attends.

Please refer to the following link for more information: <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/21stC/supporting/StudentHealth>

Crisis Notification Network for Parents

The Division has developed an Emergency Response Plan to deal with a wide range of emergency situations that may impact our school community. The Plan works in concert with other local emergency preparedness plans. The Division-wide plan and those plans tailored specifically to each individual school are reviewed and revised annually and, if required, after an emergency. More information is available here:

http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/families/assets_parents/RVS-Parent-Summary.pdf/view

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 17 – Hot Lunch ordering closes – no exceptions
September 18 – Hot Lunch payments due to office by 2:52pm
September 19 – Paul Davis at CLMS 6:30 p.m.
September 26 – Picture Day
September 29 – Terry Fox Run
October 6 – Professional Learning – No School
October 9 – Thanksgiving – No School
October 10 – Professional Learning – No School

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