

WHISKERS WEEKLY

'Pot of Gold' News: Rainbow Creek Staff

Principal - Mrs. Dawn Rife

Assistant Principal - Mrs. Annette Poffenroth

Kindergarten Teachers - Miss Kayla Dixon, Mrs. Sheila Robinson

Grade 1 Teachers - Ms. Collen Nielsen, Mrs. Sheri Sommerfeld, Ms. Mary Vo, Miss Sonia Waldie

Grade 2 Teachers - Ms. Amy Abday, Mrs. Caylee Dahl, Mrs. Jennifer Miller

Grade 3 Teachers - Ms. Trista Bezjack, Mrs. Janice Cook, Mrs. Colleen Gillard, Mr. Josh Pate

Grade 4 Teachers - Mrs. Lauren Bridgewater, Ms. Claire Collyer, Mr. Kris Hartley, Ms. Alana Thomson

Grade 5 Teachers - Mrs. Nancy Bell, Ms. Tara Hrysak, Mrs. Linda Zaharia

Music Teacher - Mrs. Stacy Werner

Learning Support Teachers - Ms. Darcey Campbell, Mrs. Lisa Fuller, Mrs. Jill Lloyd, Ms. Meghan Flynn

Learning Commons Facilitator - Mrs. Stephanie Chalmers

Secretaries - Mrs. Heather Leveille, Ms. Kay Mackey

Child Development Advisor - Miss Kim Smith

Educational Assistants - Mrs. Doris Briones, Mrs. Trish Bissett-Kress, Mrs. Elaine Eissfeldt, Mrs. Sherry Keister, Mrs. Joan Lister, Mrs. Sheri Merkosky, Mrs. Deb Pooley, Ms. Rodely Robles

School Technologist - Ms. Mary Lou Keiller

Caretaking - Mr. Aqui Cezar, Mr. Bryan Kube, Ms. Stacy Balko, Ms. Nicklet Ragon

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Please join us at the school on Thursday, September 14th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. to meet your child's teacher, see where their classroom is and find out more about what they will be learning this year.

BELL TIMES

Grades 1-5:

Monday - Thursday: 8:05 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Friday: 8:05 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Monday - Thursday Lunch: 12:15 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.

Friday Lunch: 10-10:40 a.m.

AM Kindergarten:

Monday - Thursday: 8:05 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.

Alternating Fridays: 8:05 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

PM Kindergarten:

Monday - Thursday: 11:55 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Alternating Fridays: 8:05 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Student Entry Doors

As they arrive at school, students are expected to come into the building via their grade door. Please note that the doors open at 8:00 a.m. each morning and early drop-off is strongly discouraged as there is no supervision outside. Students should not be using the playground equipment before school. If children do arrive prior to 8:00 a.m. they are asked to wait outside near their door unless special arrangements have been made with their teacher or administration.

ATTENDANCE

Students arriving after the 8:10 a.m. or the 12:55 p.m. bells must report to the office for a late slip before going to class. A student's absence must be reported to the school at 403-273-8129 by 8:15 a.m. Parents of students with unexcused absences will receive an automated telephone call and/or an email stating that the child is absent and requesting that you call the school with the reason for the absence.

BOOMERANG LUNCHES

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 send re-useable or resealable containers in your child's lunch. If your child's lunch or snack requires a spoon or fork, please remember to include it in the lunch bag.

PAUL DAVIS: SOCIAL NETWORKING SAFETY

Paul Davis is an expert on social media and online safety. He has spoken to thousands of children and adults across North America. In a joint effort with Chestermere Lake Middle School, Mr. Davis will be coming to Rainbow Creek on September 19th present his message to our grade 4 and 5 students.

In the evening (6:30pm), our school council is jointly hosting a parent session with CLMS at their school: 128 W Lakeview Drive, Chestermere. We encourage all parents to attend this session. You can read more on his website at <http://socialnetworkingsafety.net/>

ALLERGY POLICY

Rainbow Creek is an "Allergy Aware" school. Being allergy aware means that we take precautions to reduce the chance of exposure to allergens while acknowledging that it is impossible to eliminate all risk. Parents who have children with allergies must notify the office of them.

Where classrooms are marked with a red "Allergy Alert" bar, those foods are NOT permitted in the affected classrooms. To reduce the risk of anaphylactic shock through contact with an allergen, food is not allowed on the playground. If an "Allergy Alert" sign is posted outside your child's classroom, please consult the teacher before sending treats for the class.

STAFF PARKING LOT

Please be advised that the staff parking lot is not a pick-up/drop-off spot at any time of the day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The first school council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 13 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and child care is provided. Participation on school council is an excellent way for you as a parent/guardian to know what is happening in the school and school division, and to have input into special activities and events at the school. Our first meeting of the year will include brainstorming for 2017-2018 school projects, so it's a great time to participate. Please note, we require someone to fill the role of Vice-Chair on the Executive Council. The role description can be found here: <http://rcreek.rockyview.ab.ca/school-council>. If you are interested in this

position please contact the office or email the school council at rcescouncil@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please email school council.

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 at deaseamy@gmail.com with your availability so we can create this year's volunteer schedule.

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.

CDA

Our Child Development Advisor, Miss Smith, is looking for Breakfast Club parent volunteers. The commitment is minimal, 1-2 days a week from 7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. If interested please call her at the school at ext. 5605 or email kismith@rockyview.ab.ca.

GARDEN UPDATE

Wow, our school garden grew so much food over the summer! Miss Smith has been hard at work harvesting some of the vegetables we grew. All of the food from the garden has been or will be donated to the Chestermere Regional Food Bank. Check out our Twitter feed for some photos of the food our students grew!

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 13 - School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

September 14 - Meet the Teacher 4 - 6 p.m.

September 19 - Paul Davis at CLMS 6:30 p.m.

September 26 - Picture Day

September 29 - Terry Fox Run

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