

December 10th, 2019



École Rocky Elementary News

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear ÉRE Family,

I hope I find you well as we enter into the holiday season. It is hard to believe we are already three months into the school year, but what an outstanding three months we have had! Already we have been blessed with several extra-special moments that have filled me with awe and thankfulness - seeing our gym overflowing with grandparents for Grandparents' Day; the literacy-inspiring assembly with real-life author Sigmund Brouwer; the student who wrote a twenty-eight page story; the sound of every student singing "Thank You Soldier" at our Remembrance Assembly; 46 boxes assembled for Operation Shoebox; the students in grade two persuasively trying to sell me a tie for \$956 plus two scoops of ice cream. While these big moments have impressed me, I am equally moved everyday by the thoughtful and carefully prepared lessons delivered by the ÉRE staff, the dedicated efforts made by our students, and the endless stream of parent and community volunteers who are in the building daily offering their assistance. All of these groups - staff, students, parents and community - working together make up our ÉRE Family and it is a beautiful family to be a part of. Your contribution as a parent volunteer, or simply as a parent deeply invested in your child's education, is making a difference and helping our collective school family do extraordinary things. I am very excited for what remains in the months to come.

On behalf of everyone at ÉRE, I would like to wish you the very best of the holiday season. May you have many moments this holiday season surrounded by the people you love and may you continue to see great value in contributing and raising up our ÉRE Family.

All my best,

Mr. Tim Bowman
Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER



December 9	Alberta Music Theatre present Sleeping Beauty 1:30 p.m.
December 17	Christmas Concert (See newsletter for further details.) 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
December 20	Assembly 1:45 p.m. Gym (Pajama Day) (<u>No School Council Meeting</u>)
Dec. 21-Jan. 5	Winter Break
January 6	Back to School
January 13-15	Farm Safety Presentation
January 22-Feb. 19	Art Exhibit Around the Block
January 29	School Council Meeting 12:00 Noon—Everyone welcome to attend!
January 29	Assembly 1:45 p.m. Gym (Beach Day)
January 30 & 31	No School for Students
February 17-21	No School for Students
	(Family Day, Teachers' Convention)
February 22 & 23	Teachers' Convention—No School for Students
February 28	School Council Meeting 12:00 Noon—Everyone welcome to attend!
February 28	Assembly 1:45 p.m. Gym (Pink Shirt Day)
March 6	Professional Development Day—No School for Students
March 8	Daylight Savings Times Starts (set clocks ahead 1 hour)
March 13	Report Cards Go Home
March 18 & 19	Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30- 7:30 p.m.
March 30	No School for Students & Staff
March 31	School Council Meeting 12:00 Noon—Everyone welcome to attend!
March 31	Assembly 1:45 p.m. Gym (Jersey Day)
April 10-19	Spring Break
April 20	Back to School
April 28, 29 & 30	Book Fair
April 30	School Council Meeting 12:00 Noon—Everyone welcome to attend!
April 30	Assembly 1:45 p.m. Gym (Crazy Hair Day)
May 9 & 10	Spring Photo Day
May 15	Professional Development Day—No School for Students
May 18	Victoria Day – No School for Students & Staff
May 29	School Council Meeting 12:00 Noon—Everyone welcome to attend!
May 29	Assembly 1:45 p.m. Gym (Hat Day)
June 1	Professional Development Day—No School for Students
June 5	Western Day (dress up in western attire).
June 23	Peace Day
June 23	ÉRE Has Talent
June 25	Assembly 1:45 p.m. Gym (Formal Day)
June 25	Last Day of School for Students



Please ensure that your child is arriving no earlier than 8:20 a.m.
Supervisors are scheduled to start at that time each morning.
If students are earlier supervisors are not available.
This is a safety issue.
Thank you for your support!

Please note dates subject
to change throughout the
year—watch classroom or
school newsletters.





Kindergarten Registration

Join us on Thursday,
January 23rd from
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
For a Super Hero
Adventure Night!

- The Avengers (meet our team)
- Hero Headquarters (register for Pre-K/Kindergarten for 2020-2021)
- Superheroes of Speech (information on speech development)
- Build Your Own Superhero (fine motor station)
- Démasquer le Français en Vous (information on the opportunity to enroll in French Discovery and French Immersion)
- A Universe of Stories (read with a superhero)
- Leap into Action (play centres)
- Fuel your Superpower (munchies)
- Photo Booth

Bring your kiddos for an informative and interactive adventure!

École Rocky Elementary School is a dual-track school offering both English and French Immersion Kindergarten programs to our students. All parents considering enrolling their children in one of next year's E.C.S. programs are encouraged to attend our information/registration night on Thursday, January 23rd.

Children must be five (5) years of age on or before December 31, 2020 to be eligible to register for Kindergarten for the coming school year.

We will require a copy of your child's Birth Certificate before your child starts school in September. For your convenience, a photocopy can be made for you at the school. If you do not have your child's birth certificate you must sign a **Temporary Declaration of Legal Name And Age** form. *The approximate cost of obtaining a birth certificate in Canada is approximately \$40.00. In order to obtain an Alberta Birth Certificate, it is required that the legal parent or guardian provide the registry office with Valid Photo Identification and Court/Guardianship orders. Processing time varies, depending on whether Vital Statistics has the correct information on file at time of the original Registration of Birth.*



2020/2021 Pre-Kindergarten Registration

École Rocky Elementary School offers a Pre-K program with the opportunity of French Language Discovery. All parents considering enrolling their children in a Pre-K program are encouraged to attend our information/registration night on Thursday, January 23rd. The cost for the Pre-K program is \$150/month. Fee relief may be available - for more information, come speak to one of our support team members.

Children must be four (4) years of age on or before December 31, 2020 to be eligible to register for Pre-K for the coming school.

Application forms for both kindergarten and Pre-K are available at the office.

You are invited to drop in and register your child anytime during the school day (8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.)

or

**on January 23rd between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
in the McCabe Room.**



Lifetouch
School Portraits



PHOTOS

When ordering photos online at Life Touch you will receive a free Shutterfly Book 8" x 8" (20 pages) and draw string knapsack. This is only for online orders. You can then make up a photobook with cherished memories.

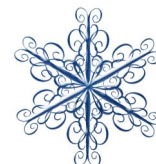


The MyFamily Rewards program rewards your families and ensures they get the best value when making multiple picture purchases. Families who enroll in MyFamily Rewards receive a free high resolution digital image download and earn ongoing discounts for larger and repeat purchases. Families of all sizes, including those with students in multiple schools, will benefit from these rewards.

For more information and to sign up visit mylifetouch.ca

**It is not too late to order fall photos and qualify
for your MyFamily Rewards**

visit mylifetouch.ca or call 1-866-457-8212





SKATING



Subject to change...please watch your classroom newsletters for possible changes.

Homeroom 2R, 2S & 2/3K—1:15—2:15 p.m.

January 8, 15, 22 and 29



Homeroom 3H, 3/4G—1:15—2:15 p.m.

January 7, 14, 21 and 28



Homeroom 4S, 4/5O—1:15—2:15 p.m.

February 4, 11, 25 and March 3

Homeroom 4/5K & 4/5JM—1:15—2:15 p.m.

February 6, 13, 27 and March 5

Ensure your child is dressed appropriately for walking to the arena and back to school (warm clothing, mitts, hats, scarves, winter boots and skates, etc.). Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will be bussed to the arena. If the weather is inclement for walking, skating may be postponed or if possible a bus will be arranged.

**If your child has to bring skates on the bus, the skates must be in a heavier bag (absolutely no plastic bags).
No hockey sticks allowed on bus.**



Although we have two large Lost and Found boxes in the school, they both tend to be overflowing on a regular basis. In order to keep the school sanitary and organized, we are required to empty and clean these boxes several times each year. Parents and students are encouraged to check through these boxes on a regular basis. Unclaimed items are donated to the Next to New so that they can be recycled.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child and Madam Ria for coordinating this program. A total of 46 boxes were collected!



- ◆ Reverend Richard Lemmon & Sharon Maxwell (Legion Members), Kayla Whissell (Peace Officer) and Celyn Magnus (Trumpet Player) for being a big part of our Remembrance Day Ceremony.
- ◆ ÉRE Fundraising Society for providing ÉRE with a water filling station.
- ◆ Mrs. Penni Lougheed for all her hard work with the Hand Chime Choir and performances!
- ◆ Mrs. McLaughlin for preparing the choir students for the Christmas concert they sound awesome!
- ◆ Thank you to Rocky Learning Council for providing books for a student at ÉRE.
- ◆ To all for making our Book Fair such a success.
- ◆ Misty Jacowishen for organizing the Christmas Mini Market.
- ◆ Vanessa Lobley & for the coordination of Raffle Basket/Tickets and to ML Electric for the generous donation of items for the baskets....it is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ To all the parents/guardians and trustees for coming out to the School Council meetings.
- ◆ To all those who supported the various fundraisers.
- ◆ Carie Liebig for assisting with school photo day.
- ◆ Danielle DuPaul donation of ice packs.
- ◆ Dwayne & Julie Andrew for their donation towards the Breakfast Program.
- ◆ Aaron Dorey and Jacqueline for setting up the Christmas tree...great job!
- ◆ Kyle Koenig for helping out with the carton recycling at the school.
- ◆ Mathew Masi at West Central High School for dropping off yogurt for our students.
- ◆ Roxane Melvin for taking recycling in.

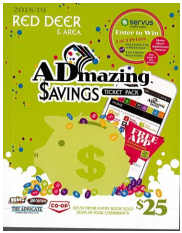


ROCKY LEARNING COUNCIL'S ADVENT CALENDAR OF BOOKS

Congratulations to Issac LeVesconte for winning twenty-five individually wrapped books. Thank you to Rocky Learning Council for presenting these books to Issac.

LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFT ADMazing SAVINGS TICKET PACKS

ADmazing Savings Ticket Packs are still available for sale at the school office. We have a few books for Red Deer and Calgary remaining. The cost per book is \$25/book (free App). These books make a great gift for any family! For each book purchased there is an entry form at the front of the book to fill out for a chance to win an all-expenses paid for a family of four trip to Disneyland, a \$5,000 value, and two chances to win an Alberta StayCation, valued at \$2,500.00 each!



All proceeds will go towards the enhancement of the education for ÉRE students.



CLUB MOO

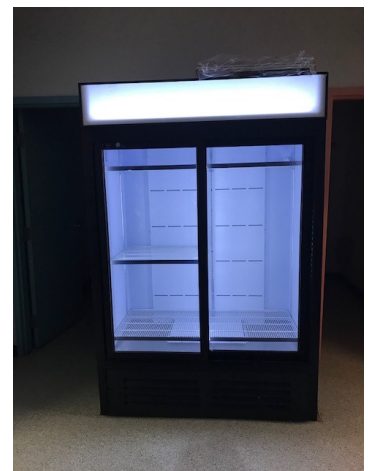
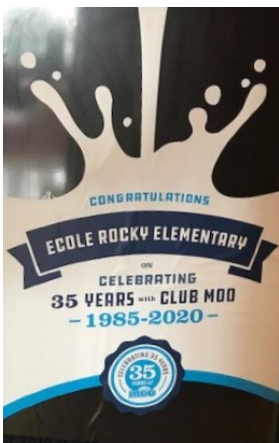
Congratulations ÉRE...35 years (2.5 billion liters of milk) with Club Moo!

“Club Moo encourages children to develop the lifelong habit of drinking milk by making it fun and rewarding. A school milk program ensures there is cold, fresh milk available to students for lunch and rewards them for making a healthy choice. No other drink comes close to the nutritional benefits.”

Twice a year students receive incentives from Club Moo.

Alberta Milk brought their mascot, MOOnique, as well as a local dairy farmer to the November assembly. Milk and Wagon Wheels were given to all students, supplied by Alberta Milk. The school was also presented with a new milk fridge!

**A huge thank you to Club Moo for their generous gifts to celebrate 35 years with Club Moo!
It is greatly appreciated by all.**



ÉRE Fundraising Society Christmas Raffle

4703-50 Avenue, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta

Draw Date: Thursday, December 19, 2019
at École Rocky Elementary

Proceeds towards Grade 5 Calgary Field Trip

Four Individual Baskets-Approximate Value

Turkey Basket \$85

Ham Basket \$60

Toy Basket-Girls \$130

Toy Basket-Boys \$130



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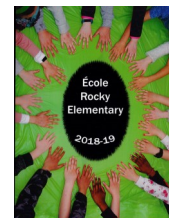
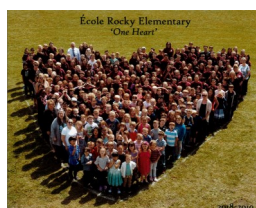
Tickets \$2.00 Each

Must be 18 years of age or older.



LIVING FLAG PHOTO & YEAR BOOK FROM 2018/2019

We still have a Year Books (\$20) and Living Flag Photos (\$10) for 2018/2019 available for purchase. They would make an excellent Christmas gift for a child. These items may be purchased at the school office.



SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM FOR ATTENDANCE

1-855-756-2797 or <http://wrsd.schoolconnects.com>

École Rocky Elementary uses an automated serviced call the Safe Arrival Program for reporting student attendance. The Safe Arrival Program allows parents/guardians to report their child's absence in advance, or before a cut-off time of 9:00 a.m. for the current day in one of two ways:

Logging onto the Safe Arrival Parent Portal website: <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

Calling the Safe Arrival toll free phone number: **1-855-756-2797**

The message machine used at the school will no longer take messages from parents about attendance. Please use one of the two methods mentioned to report your child(ren)'s absence.

The Safe Arrival Program reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance making it easier for you to report your child's absence and easier for the school to respond to unexplained student absences.

We are asking parents/guardians to report student absences prior to 9:00 a.m. for the current day, as well as planned future absences via the internet or telephone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, e.g. medical appointments.

The Safe Arrival Program uses an automated notification system to contact parents/guardians who have not reported their child's absent. The automated notification system will contact parents/guardians at multiple contact numbers until one of the designed contacts is reached. If our system is unable to reach a designed contact after 30 minutes, office staff will follow up. By reporting your child's absence in advance using the **1-855-756-2797** number or <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca>, you will not receive a call. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.



ILLNESS

Good health is necessary for effective learning. In fairness to all, please do not send your child to school if there are clear signs of ill health in the morning. We have neither the facilities nor the personnel to care for sick children. Students who are ill should receive proper medical attention and should not attend school until their health is reasonable.

Students who become ill during the day are to immediately inform their teacher. Our policy is to contact parents and ask that student be picked up as soon as possible. For this reason, it is important that parents ensure that all necessary information such as phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical information, etc. is kept up to date.



SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

Please be aware of the increased activity around our schools, including: buses dropping off students, parents dropping off their children, crossing guards, kids walking and biking to school, general public traffic, and also parents, teachers, and kids utilizing the crosswalks and sidewalks. Therefore, please use extreme caution when driving through these school areas by slowing down and concentrating on everything going on around you. In the past there have been a number of potentially dangerous situations.

- ♦ If you are dropping off your children at school, please limit the potential for danger by parking your vehicle safely.
- ♦ Be careful backing up and watch out for vehicles backing out of parking stalls.
- ♦ Teach your children safety tips.
- ♦ Please obey the speed limit.
- ♦ Please be extra alert in areas where there are children.
- ♦ Be cognizant and respectful of the school buses and bus lanes.
- ♦ Children should use the crosswalks.
- ♦ Remember that you must wait until the pedestrians, including the crossing guard, reach the opposite sidewalk before you drive through the crosswalk. The crosswalk must be completely clear before you can pass through.
- ♦ Please obey all stop signs including the stationary ones and those held by the crossing guards.
- ♦ Don't forget to stop before the crosswalk and/or stop sign line on the road.
- ♦ School zone areas are also playground zones and thus, maximum speeds limit (30km/h) apply all day.
- ♦ If there are traffic offences which need to be reported to police, call the RCMP at 845-2881.

LEARNING COMMONS

Thank You to everyone for making our Book Fair such a success. Whether it was set-up, sales, buying books, volunteering your time to work at the Fair or take down, all of your help was greatly appreciated.

We sold \$5,155.30 worth of books. Earning our school \$2,938.52 in product or \$1,224.38 in cash to go towards our Learning Commons.

It's hard to believe that December is here already. There are a couple of things that I would like to bring to your attention. I have a Treasure Chest in the library; it holds old & discarded library books, as well as donated books. If you have books at home that you don't know what to do with, and you would like to donate them to the library, please bring them in and I will either put them on our shelves or fill the Treasure Chest. Students love to search for new books for themselves or to give as gifts to others.

We are also accepting donations of games, puzzles, craft supplies, etc. for our MakerSpace area.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Happy Reading,
Mrs. Allen





November Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students for...



Grade 1

Clara Mix: for her compassion and using humour to make others smile. Clara uses her hands for helping and shows kindness through everything she does. You are a joy to have in class!

Stevie Whalen: for her genuine care for others, she uses gentleness to always show compassion to everyone. Stevie uses her creativity to think outside the box. You are a joy to have in class!

Serenity Miller- for being such an enthusiastic writer and for always taking care to do her very best work

Emmett Gervais- for his continuous hard work and effort in reading, both at home and school. Way to go Emmett, you are growing as a reader everyday!

Grade 2

Tailynn Kingsbury - for demonstrating positive growth in her learning by persevering through challenging tasks, and always trying her best.

Junior Arbeau - for showing huge improvements in his printing skills and using effective decoding skills to sound out unfamiliar words.

Niela Ross- for her enthusiasm to learn new things and always using her hands and words for helping others.

Dreyah Janvier: for understanding the importance of a positive mindset when learning something new. Great work Dreyah!

Grade 3

Chase Janvier: for working hard in all subject areas. Well done Chase!

Bentley Busby- for his calm and get to work right away attitude and for always being a respectful student.

Caitlin Dietz - for her positive energy and enthusiasm in all she does and for being a diligent student.

Brinley Hoetmer - for her active engagement in all class activities and her excellent growth mindset.

Gabriel Anderson- for being a sensational student in math and helping teach others some of his great skills.

Grade 4

Sylvia Button-Stuber - for her good work habits and her willingness to help other students in the class

Ryder Fries -for your great story in writer's workshop and for continuing to persevere even when the task is challenging.

Quyncie McCaw - for always being willing to lend a hand and for your good effort in our addition and subtraction unit in math.

Hailey Currie - for always trying your best in all subject areas and for being a positive energy in the classroom.

Taran Wilite - for his perseverance and resilience in new or challenging tasks. Taran works hard, is a diligent Learning partner and always has a positive attitude.

Grade 5

Brody Jardine - for having a great sense of humor and always showing perseverance and determination in all subjects.

Indra Kidd - for demonstrating strong work ethics and for being consistent in all subject areas.

Ivy Langberg - for demonstrating strong reading skills and for creating beautiful works of Art.

Joella Vaughan - for being a model student who sets a positive example for her peers.

Millie Hart- For her kindness towards all. Millie works hard on her assignments and always has a smile on her face! Keep up the positive attitude!

Benny Ma- For his perseverance on difficult assignments. Benny is kind to his classmates and displays a very positive attitude!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ÉRE?

- ♦ The Leadership Team will be going to the Lord's Food Bank Monday, December 16th in the afternoon.
- ♦ Food Bank Donations—we will be running our annual food drive. Any non-perishable food items and monetary donations will gladly be accepted and given to our local food bank. Donations will also be accepted at the Christmas Concerts. Pickup of food will be on Tuesday, December 17th at 4:30 p.m. There will be a pizza party for the class that brings in the most items per students.

WINTER BREAK

The last day of school will be
Friday, December 20th.
School resumes on
Monday, January 6th.

*Have a safe and wonderful
break!*



SLEEPING BEAUTY PRESENTATION

Students and staff at ÉRE enjoyed the presentation of “Sleeping Beauty” presented by Alberta Musical Theatre Company on December 9th. The presentation was enjoyed by all!



Let Peace Encircle All The World

*Nothing is more precious than peace. It is only
through peace that a heart may blossom.*

*If we have no peace, it is because we have
forgotten that we belong to each other.*

~Mother Theresa~

*Wishing you deep caring and a gentle peace,
The Staff and Students of
École Rocky Elementary*



SWIMMING

KMT 10:30-11:00 a.m.
 KKT 11:00-11:30 a.m.
 1B 1:00-1:30 p.m.
 1G & 1W 1:30-2:00 p.m.
 4/5J 1:00-1:45 p.m.

3/4G 10:00-10:45 a.m.
 4S 10:45-11:30 p.m.
 2R & 2S 1:00-1:45 p.m.
 2/3K & 3H 1:00-1:45 p.m.
 4/5K 10:00-10:45 a.m.
 4/5O 1:45-2:30 p.m.

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 February 24 and March 2, 9, 16

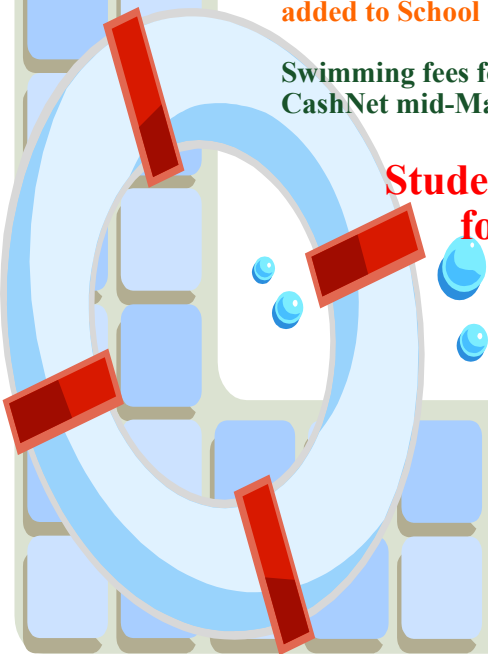
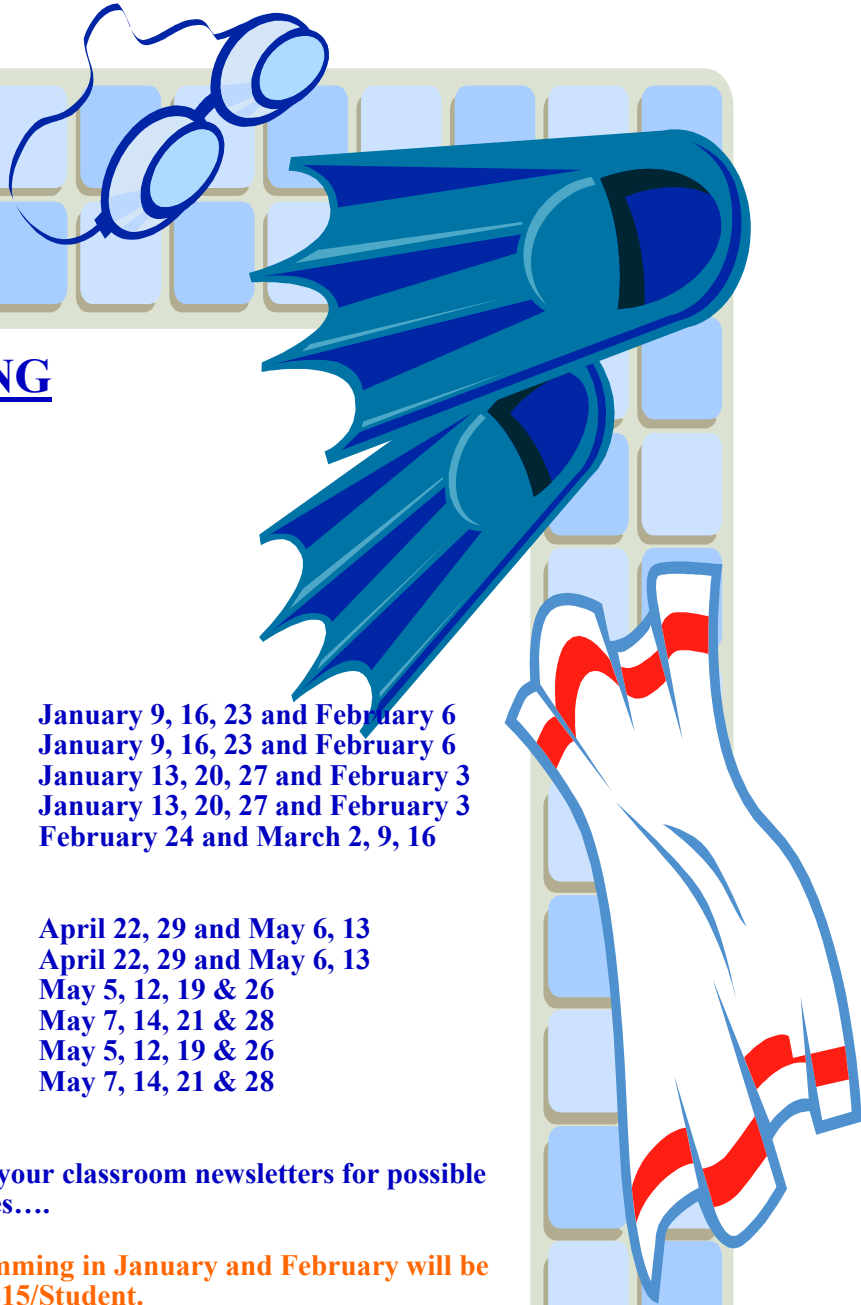
April 22, 29 and May 6, 13
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 May 5, 12, 19 & 26
 May 7, 14, 21 & 28
 May 5, 12, 19 & 26
 May 7, 14, 21 & 28

Subject to change...please watch your classroom newsletters for possible changes. To avoid payment issues....

Swimming Fees for students swimming in January and February will be added to School Cash On-Line -\$15/Student.

Swimming fees for students swimming in April and May will be added to CashNet mid-March.

**Students should be dressed appropriately
 for the walk to and from the pool
 on their swim days!**



ÉRE Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 17th, 2019

Two Shows: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
**We only have tickets for morning show
available at this time.**

All students Kindergarten to
Grade 5 will be involved.

There will be no evening performance.

Additional tickets will be given out to requesting
families if extras are available. Tickets are free.

The concert will be video-taped and
available on our school website.





Dear parents and guardians,

The Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Rocky Mountain House Chapter invites you to attend our upcoming AGM on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

CPF is a national research-informed volunteer organization that promotes and creates opportunities for students to learn and use French. The Rocky Mountain House chapter has been in operation for nearly three decades. Our activity has ebbed and flowed through that time, depending on membership numbers and volunteer capacity. Here are some of the French enrichment initiatives we have supported through the years:

- Evenings of French Entertainment
- Annual junior and senior high scholarships
- French Immersion field trips
- Professional Development for our French Immersion teachers
- French Immersion classroom resources
- Maple syrup shack at community events
- Social events for French Immersion students and families (ie: bowling, potlucks, etc.)
- Student exchanges
- Adult conversational French classes

The chapter has access to incredible provincial and national resources and many member benefits. What it needs are a few champions with the time and passion to bring these opportunities to Rocky Mountain House. Many hands make light work. With the right people in place, it doesn't have to be onerous!

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from noon to 1 p.m. in Room #32 at Ecole Rocky Elementary.

All parents, grandparents, relatives and guardians of French Immersion students are welcome to attend; however you must be a current member to vote for or be elected to a board position. Learn more about CPF membership benefits at www.cpf.ca. You can register in person that day, or online anytime at www.cpf.ca/en/member-registration-and-renewal. Over 60 per cent of your membership fee stays with the local chapter to help fund activities as listed above.

I also invite you to join our Facebook page @CpfAlbertaRockyMtnHouseChapter. If you have any questions about CPF, the local chapter or how you can get involved, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Laura Button
CPF Rocky Mountain House Chapter President
403-418-6252



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HOT LUNCH and MILK ORDERING

It is time to order for the Hot Lunch and Milk Programs for January. We will be using online ordering for all orders to ensure accuracy with the orders and to make the process as easy for everyone as possible. We will be doing this on a monthly basis.

Here's how to get started if you are not already registered:

- ✓ Go to **ere.hotlunches.net**
- ✓ Click on "Click Here to Register"
- ✓ Enter Access Code **REHL**
- ✓ Complete the rest of the registration form. (Including your email address will ensure you receive reminder emails about hot lunch order deadlines, and your child's hot lunch order for the upcoming week)
- ✓ Click the "**Register Now**" button at the bottom
- ✓ Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends ÉRE
- ✓ Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"
- ✓ Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)



The online order system requires a small amount of setup time at the beginning as you must register each child you have attending our school prior to ordering hot lunch or milk. Once the initial setup process is complete, your hot lunch orders for the remainder of the year should be quick and simple. Our system requires online payment through Bambora (bambora.com). It is very similar to PayPal.

Should you require assistance please contact the office at 403 845 3541 or contact Misty Jacowishen at misty.jacowishen@wrsd.ca

**If you are unable to order on-line at home, please drop by the school
and use one of our computers.**

Only credit card orders accepted for now.

DEADLINE: January 2nd, 2020– absolutely no exceptions after this date.

