

RAYMOND ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER 2011



OUR NEW BIG TOY
HAS ARRIVED!



Scheduled Events

December/January

Dec 9-Candy Cane Day Wear Red & White
 Dec 14-Pizza Day Div I
 Dec 15-Pizza Day Div II
 Dec 16-Ugly Christmas Sweater & Sock Day
 Dec 18-Rotary Carol Festival
 Dec 20-D'Agnone & Grades 1-3
 Performances 1:30 PM
 Dec 20-Choir Performance & Recorder
 Ensembles 6:30 PM
 Dec 21-Boles & Grades 4-6 Performances
 1:30 PM
 Dec 22-Santa Visits
 Dec 23-Start of Christmas Vacation
 Jan 9-Back to School!
 Jan 25-Pizza Day Div I
 Jan 26 Pizza Day Div II
 Jan 30-PD Day NO STUDENTS

February

Feb 15-Pizza Day Div I
 Feb 16-Pizza Day Div II
 Feb 17-Divisional PLC No Students
 Feb 20-Family Day
 Feb 21-22-Board Holidays
 Feb 23-24-Teachers' Convention

March

March 9-PD Day No Students
 March 14-Pizza Day Div I
 March 15-Pizza Day Div II
 March 30-Divisional PLC No Students

April

April 6-15-Easter Break



CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS:

"No Doubt About It, This is Our Christmas Concert!"

PERFORMANCES FOR PARENTS:

**Tuesday, December 20
 1:30 PM Performance
 Mrs. D'Agnone's morning
 and afternoon classes and
 Grade 1-3 Classes**

**Tuesday, December 20
 6:30 PM Performance
 RES Choir and Recorder
 Ensembles**

**Wednesday, December 21
 1:30 PM Performance
 Mrs. Boles' morning and
 afternoon classes and Grade
 4-6 classes**

**All performances will be
 held in our gymnasium.**

AUDIENCE MANNERS:

In order to give our students the best possible performance we would ask the following from you.

Remain seated and quiet when the performance is in progress. If it is necessary to leave the gymnasium before the concert is over, please do so between numbers.

Parents should keep small children seated with them and not allow them to run around during the concert. The performance is approximately 1 hour long. If you feel your small children are unable to sit quietly for that long we ask that you make arrangements for them to stay at home.

*Thank you for making this a
 pleasant experience for
 everyone!*

Message From The Principal:

Once again the Raymond Elementary School student council is sponsoring a "Giving Tree". Students are invited to bring new items of clothing (toques, gloves, etc) that could be given to someone in our community that might be in need of such items. We are also accepting non-perishable food items and gifts of new toys to be donated to community members. These things will be packaged up sometime during the week of the 12 - 16 December and delivered into the community.

Also, the staff of Raymond Elementary School has decided that instead of doing a gift exchange between staff member that they would like to give a cash donation. There is no set amount. If you would like to join the staff in their donation you may add to the donation jars found in our office.

All donations are voluntary but we are hoping that the "Christmas Feeling" of giving can help a few families from our community.

CHANGES TO KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE:

The kindergarten is excited to be able to join with grades 1-6 in their Christmas performances. To accommodate the rehearsal and performance times the following schedule changes will need to take place:

Tuesday, December 20th: Mrs. D'Agnone's classes **will attend for a full day, morning and afternoon.**

Wednesday, Dec. 21st - Mrs. Boles' classes **will attend for a full day, morning and afternoon.**

Dress rehearsal is in the morning and they will be performing in the afternoon and may go home with parents as the end of the performance. The children will need to wear their Sunday best for the day.

Classes will be from 8:25-11:25

Lunch-11:25-12:30 Students must go home.

Classes resume 12:30-3:10

There is no school for Mrs. D'Agnone's classes on Wednesday, Dec. 21st.

There is no school for Mrs. Boles' classes on Tuesday, Dec. 20th.

KINDERGARTEN FRIDAY SCHEDULE :

Morning Kindergarten Students Attend

Dec. 9 - Miss Debra Visit, Dec. 16, Jan. 20,

Feb. 10 - Miss Debra visit, March 2, March 23, April 27, May 18

Afternoon Kindergarten Students Attend

Dec. 2, Jan. 13, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, March 16,

April 20 - Miss Debra visit, May 11, May 25

Debra Giblehaus-Maloney is coming into Kindergarten 2 times for each class. Miss Debra is a music/language specialist and will be a wonderful addition to the program.

School Website

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR FUN PICTURES FROM OUR ASSEMBLIES, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

www.raymondelementary.ab.ca

Grade 5/6 Basketball:

Dear Parents,
The grade 5 and 6 basketball mini league will happen again this year. Will will be starting at the end of February with games happening on Wednesday evening. We will be looking for parent coaches to volunteer to coach. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping out. Thank you

Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to our volunteers for helping set up our new Big Toy. Mr. Ron Millard, Mr. Scott Shaw, Mr. Nicholas Olsen, Mr. Ward Lund, Mr. JD Clark, R.E.S. Staff, Grade 4 & 6 Students, Raymond High School Gym Class, and Divisional Maintenance Crew especially Mark Stolte for doing all the extras!

Old Fashioned Christmas:

Students are once again invited to Sing for Santa at the Raymond Old Fashioned Christmas. Please meet in front of the ATB Financial Bank at 6:30 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 2.

Nut Free School:



Reminder to parents to please stay away from peanuts and peanuts products in lunches and snacks!

We have several students in our school that are severely allergic!