

RAYMOND ELEMENTARY*January 2012***GORILLA RUN**

A group of teachers went to Edmonton to participate in the Gorilla Run. They were given the largest group award.

PARENTS...

Some of you may already be aware that RES has a new system to track absent and late students! This is an automated system that pulls the attendance report from powerschool at 9:15 every morning and 1:00 every afternoon. If you have phoned the school to confirm your student's absence before 9:00, you should not receive a call. If the student comes to school after their teacher has submitted their attendance, they need to sign in at the office so that we can change the attendance to reflect "late" as opposed to "absent". You will receive a call saying your student was absent, but we will change the attendance to late after the 9:15 report.

We feel that this system is a great way to keep up communication with our parents. You will be aware of their attendance each day, as well as receive a reminder to keep us informed if your student is not at school. We are working on having a system put in place that will allow you to confirm your students absence each morning by just leaving us a message, but that is not up and running quite yet.

There are also other features of this new system that we are very excited about. It will allow us to send communication home regarding events in our school. It will also allow us to send phone calls to all our students in the event of emergencies or school closures; as well as to send out reminders to specific grades

Scheduled Events**January**

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 14-Pizza Day Div I
 March 15-Pizza Day Div II
 March 16-PD Day No Students (NOTE CHANGE IN DATE)
 March 30-Divisional PLC No Students

April

April 6-15-Easter Break
 April 25-Pizza Day Div I
 April 26-Pizza Day Div II

May

May 16-Pizza Day Div I
 May 17-Pizza Day Div II
 May 21-Victoria Day

June

June 13-Pizza Day Div I
 June 14-Pizza Day Div II



Message From The Principal:

Dear Parents,

I would like to clarify our policy on having students stay inside at recess. Our magic number is -20 Celsius. This includes wind chill. If it is minus 21 (counting the wind chill) we have the students stay inside. We do have some students who still want to go outside at colder temps and if they can find a staff member to go out with them, and they are dressed appropriately, we let them get some fresh air.

We do expect students to go out at warmer temperatures (we do live in Canada). Please make sure that your children have the appropriate clothing (including mitts, toques, scarves).

If your child is too sick to go out, they may be too sick to be at school. As the parent you always have the right to keep your child home.

Parents will need to send a note allowing their children to stay in. Please be specific as to the reason. If the student must

stay in they will be supervised in the gathering area and need to have their homework or reading material with them.

Just a reminder that if the weather becomes too bad for school it will be announced on 94.1 The Lounge and LA 107.7 by 6:30 am and with our new automated system. If you have any questions, tune in to those stations.

Rick Hansen Relay:

Mrs. Milner has been chosen as a Medal Bearer for the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay. This is an exciting opportunity and we would love for our students to join in!

The run will be in Lethbridge on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. We invite all R.E.S. students to come cheer or run! Make sure to wear your R.E.S. Marathon shirt and join her! Check out the website at www.rickhansenrelay.com/en/

PARENTING THE STRONG WILLED CHILD:

Time: Tuesday Evenings 6:30-8:30 PM

Date: February 28-April 3

Place: Magrath Parent Link Centre

Cost: \$5.00 to purchase book

For parents of children ages 2-8 years of age whose behavior is resistant and oppositional. This course runs over 6 sessions held once a week. You will be learning a series of five skills that when put together, should have a significant impact on your child's behavior. The course will involve group discussion as well as learning and practicing skills.

This course will be facilitated by Tami Voth-Child Life Specialist and Helen Kromm-Early Childhood Development Specialist.

For questions or to register:

Call Helen Kromm 403-388-6574



KINDERGARTEN FRIDAY SCHEDULE:

Morning Kindergarten Students Attend

Jan. 20, Feb. 10 - Miss Debra visit, March 2, March 23, April 27, May 18

Afternoon Kindergarten Students Attend

Jan. 13, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, March 16, April 20 - Miss Debra visit, May 11, May 25

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 5/6 basketball boys and girls mini league will begin on February 29 with the boys at 6:00 pm and the girls at 7:00 pm. Games will be played every Wednesday night at the same time. The league will go for 5 weeks with the playoffs taking place on March 21 and the finals on March 28. Practices times are available with coaches encouraged to practice 1 time / week. We are looking for parents or volunteers to help coach the teams. Please contact Mr. Rob Hill or the RES office if you'd like to coach.

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!

