

Newsletter



December 2023

As we swiftly approach the much-awaited break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had so far this academic year at RBPS.

In these few months, our school community has achieved remarkable milestones, showcasing dedication, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to learning. It fills me with immense pride to witness the remarkable accomplishments of our students and the continuous support and dedication of our esteemed staff members.

As we prepare to conclude this chapter of the year, I urge everyone to cherish the remaining weeks, making the most of our time together. Let's continue to celebrate achievements, encourage one another, and foster a spirit of camaraderie within our school community.

On behalf of the RBPS administration, I extend warm wishes for a joyous and peaceful holiday season. May it be filled with laughter, love, and rejuvenation, enabling us to return in the new year with renewed enthusiasm and vigor.

The snow will soon fall, lights are twinkling, and winter break is just around the corner! To honour this time of year, our students have been rehearsing diligently to showcase their creativity and talents through songs, dances, and heartwarming presentations. This event promises to be a celebration of the spirit of Christmas, featuring the dedication and efforts of our wonderful students.

Your presence and support mean the world to us, and we can't wait to share these moments with you. Please see the schedule below and mark your calendars to join us. Together, let's create lasting memories as we celebrate this special time of the year. All performances are from 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 ish.

Monday, December 18th	Tuesday, December 19th	Wednesday, December 20th	Thursday, December 21st
JH Band Grade 1 JH Orchestra	Grade 2 Grade 5/6 Grade 5/6 music	Grade 4 Mon/Wed Kindergarten	Grade 3 Tues/Thur Kindergarten

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to making RBPS a remarkable place of learning and growth.

Take Care

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December 1, 2023: Non-Operational Day (No School)

December 4, 2023: Classroom Newsletter Sent Home

December 5, 2023: School Council (6:00 p.m.): * change of date*

December 13, 2023: School Council Pancake lunch for all students

December 14, 2023: School Council Pancake lunch for T/TH Kinder

December 15, 2023: Professional Learning Day (No School)

December 18, 2023: School Spirit: Holiday Wear Week Begins

December 22, 2023: School Spirit: PJ Day

'Tis the Season

It is now that time of year where snow is inevitable. As it gets colder please remember to have your child dress appropriately for outside for temperatures up to -25C.

If your child is prone to getting wet while playing outdoors, please consider sending a change of clothes to be kept in his or her locker. All students must have indoor and outdoor footwear as all of our students go outside for PE and recess.



School Council

Next Meeting is December 5th

ROY BICKELL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL



OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL IS A COLLECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS, TEACHERS,
AND THE PRINCIPAL WHO WORK TOGETHER TO EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT AND
ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING.

Your participation and ideas truly enhance our school community. (It really, really does. 😊)

PE Corner

Another month has flown by in the gymnasium! Most notably this past month, students spent time working with skipping ropes. This was an excellent activity that served all our Raptors from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Students had the opportunity to practice all sorts of skips, including basic skips and varying levels of trick skips. Then, students had the opportunity to join skipping 'clubs' by putting their names on our school-wide posters once they achieved that skill. These clubs were a mix of trick clubs and endurance clubs. Ask your child which clubs they were able to join! It's safe to say that all students enjoyed this work and improved their skipping skills!

Following all that skipping, all students participated in throwing and catching activities. In lower grades, developmental games and skills were worked on using underhand and overhand throwing motions, and in older grades, students worked towards games of team handball and tchoukball. Coming up next will be games that use striking, such as Omnikin, Gaga Ball, and basketball.

November was also a successful month for our Raptor teams! Three teams of Grade 5/6 Triple Ball players represented our school at the Division tournament earlier this month, and had a lot of fun in the process! Our Junior High volleyball season also wrapped up, with all teams finishing the season strong in the final weeks. Way to go, Raptors!

Music Corner

The enjoyment of Music continues through December at Roy Bickell Public School!

In our Grades 1 to 3 Music classes, we have been working with percussion instruments. We just wrapped up our 'Mortimer' project, which involved selecting some of the percussion instruments that we worked with to enhance a reading of the beloved Robert Munsch story, 'Mortimer' in class.

In Grades 4 to 6, our Music groups have started to learn notes and chords on the ukuleles. Our Program of Choice Music students are beginning to think about our upcoming performance during Christmas Caroling at the end of the month.

Grade 7 and 8 Band and Orchestra students continue to develop their skills on their own instruments in class. We recently shared some of our work with younger students in the school. Our Orchestra class performed and demonstrated their instruments for Mrs. Guerin's Grade 1 class. Our Grade 7 and 8 Band played for Mrs. Farthing's Grade 3 class. It was very exciting to welcome a couple of the younger classes to share our progress with. For some of us, it was the first time performing in front of an audience!

On each Monday and Wednesday during the second break, the Music room continues to host Guitar and Practice Clubs for our Grade 7 and 8 students. The Wednesday practice club time is also an opportunity for anyone to get extra assistance they may need with playing or repairing, maintaining and caring for their instruments. It has been great to have the students work independently or together on their own songs or exercises of their own choice.

As always, feel free to contact me via email at amber.gallagher@gppsd.ab.ca.

Pictured: Grade Seven and Eight Music Classes during the performances and instrument show and share, joined by 1G and 3F for this exciting afternoon on Thursday, November 23rd.

