



## KNIGHTS NEWS – February 28, 2025



As we enter the month of March, we are excited about the learning and activities planned for our students. Thank you for your continued support in making this school year a success!

### Reminders for March:

- Attendance Matters** – Regular attendance is crucial for student success. Please ensure your child arrives on time every day.
- Weather Changes** – March brings unpredictable weather! Please dress your child in layers and send appropriate outerwear. Spring is around the corner.
- Academics & Engagement** – Encourage your child to read daily and check PowerSchool for assignments and updates on grades.

Please join us for our Celebration of Learning on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm – 7:30pm.

We enjoyed a school wide presentation called NED's Mindset Mission. NED and our students took a journey to find their positive mindset. The show was filled with storytelling, humor, illusions and amazing yo-yo tricks where the students learned the hidden message in NED's name:

**N**ever give up — understand The Power of YET

**E**ncourage others — spark courage in other people

**D**o your best — always be learning and growing



### **Dates To Remember**

**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – PL Day – No School**

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting**

**Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Day – Tie Dye**

**Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick’s Day – Wear Green**

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Funky Sock Day for Down’s Syndrome**

**Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Purple Shirt Day for Epilepsy**

**Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair**

**Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of Learning**

**Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – PL Day – No School**



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday evening, our clocks need to “spring forward” one hour. It will be lighter in the evenings, and we know that spring is just around the corner. Of course, this is Alberta and there are probably still a few weather surprises in store for us.

### **Celebration of Learning**

We are excited to invite families to the school on March 26<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm, to celebrate the amazing learning that is happening this year! Come into the school to see students' classrooms, examples of projects and learning, and to participate in games and activities, led by your child. There is no need to schedule a specific time, please drop in to the school at a convenient time, between 4:30 – 7:30 pm, on either March 26<sup>th</sup> or March 27<sup>th</sup>.

It will also be an opportunity to check out our Scholastic Book Fair which will be open from March 18<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Assessment at RVS: Understanding Provincial and Divisional Assessments**

Rocky View Schools is sharing a series of articles on the division website regarding assessments: the process of gathering data about student learning. This information is intended to help provide greater insight into why and when assessments are done and encourage ongoing communication between teachers and families to support student success.

[Read the first in the series this month, touching on understanding provincial and divisional assessments.](#) Watch for more in this series throughout the spring!

### **Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey – Grade 4 Families**

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a world-class education for Alberta's children, Alberta Education will again be conducting our annual survey of grades 4, 7 and 10 students and their parents or guardians. The survey will gather important information about students' and parents' school experiences and will help to inform continuous improvement in our education system. The survey will be given to all teachers and only students in grade 4 will be given the survey at school.

We are very proud of our school community and our results. Your participation in this survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly. Our school uses this information to evaluate our progress, inform our decision making, and create our school education plan. This data becomes increasingly important and meaningful when we get a good representative sample of parent responses.

As a grade 4 parent/guardian, you will soon receive a parent notification letter along with a random-access code. Please take the time to complete this survey. All survey data is kept anonymous.

The survey opened on February 18<sup>th</sup> for parents, students and teachers. The deadline for parent completion is **Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

## **Kindergarten Registration Opens February 3**



Welcome to [Kindergarten](#)! This is an exciting milestone in the lives of children and their families that can help set the foundation for lifelong learning.

Kindergarten registration for the 2025/26 school year will open Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

RVS' Kindergarten programs are offered in accordance with the Education Act and Early Childhood Services Regulations. Kindergarten eligibility parameters are as follows:

- Parents/guardians may enroll their child in Kindergarten at their designated school provided the child is five years of age by December 31 in the year that they begin school, or they are five years old as of September 1 and have not taken Kindergarten previously.

\*A child who has not completed a Kindergarten program and is six years of age by December 31 in the year they begin school may be admitted to Kindergarten OR Grade 1 at their designated school at the beginning of that year.

Please see the Rocky View Schools site for more information on how to register:

[Kindergarten Registration](#)

### **PBIS FOCUS**









Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based, proactive approach to help build and improve safe and positive behaviours. The goal of PBIS is to teach students positive behaviour strategies, in the same way we teach all expectations within the school; explicitly taught, modeled and reinforced. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for ALL students and ALL staff in ALL settings. We are focusing our efforts around 3 common expectations:

- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful

We will teach and focus on each expectation, one by one. All staff in the building will recognize all students who engage in this behaviour.

<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Safe</b>	<b>Respectful</b>
Leave no trace 	Move my body safely 	Use positive words 
Make good choices 	Show expected use of equipment 	Show whole body listening 
Be a problem solver 	Keep hands, feet, & objects to yourself 	Take care of materials & space 
Follow instructions 	Dress for the weather 	Take turns 

Check out our new recess and soccer positive behaviour expectations! All students and staff had input into the decisions and created these expectations.

<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Safe</b>	<b>Respectful</b>
<b>Forward facing on ice slide</b> 	<b>Standing beside the fence is safe</b> 	<b>Treat equipment with respect – stay inside the castle</b> 
<b>Down the slide</b> 	<b>Be Safe - Learn your Limits</b> 	<b>Wait your Turn</b> 
<b>Wait for supervisor – pick teams fairly</b> 	<b>Play fair, play on</b> 	<b>Use respectful language</b> 
<b>Raise arm to be goalie</b> 	<b>Keep your body to yourself</b> 	<b>Take a break for the rest of game if a supervisor asks you</b> 

## Student Belongings – Lost and Found

With the onset of colder weather, students are wearing more articles of clothing such as boots, jackets, ski pants, toques, and mitts. Many of these are the same or can look the same and at times, can go missing. We end up with many of the items in our Lost and Found.

As stated in our school handbook which is located on our website:

*The care of personal property is each student's responsibility. The school cannot assume responsibility for missing items. **All articles of clothing and school supplies should be marked with the student's name.** Students are strongly discouraged from bringing any valuable items to school. The school is not responsible for the loss, damage of or replacement of personal items.*

### Check out our new Lost and Found – located in our main foyer



## Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches

Our school has a program with Healthy Hunger known as "Fun Lunch". We partner with various vendors every week and families can purchase fun lunches on a weekly basis. The lunches are delivered to the school and distributed to the students. Classes are loaded for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please Note: The deadline to order is 5 days before the lunch date, so typically our order deadline is Saturday at midnight! **If your student is absent on the day of fun lunch, please call the office by noon, if you will be coming to pick up the lunch OR if you would like the lunch kept**

for when your student returns. If your child is not at school, and we do not hear from the family, the lunch WILL NOT be kept for the student. Pickups will be available at the office after 1:00 pm.

Did you know that fun lunch is a fundraising program? A portion of the proceeds from each lunch ordered go back to the school. We use these funds to support our school community, such as field trips, school dances and events, curricular projects, active living week and more!

We are always looking for volunteers to help distribute lunches on Thursdays. Reach out to Karen at [karenlc@live.ca](mailto:karenlc@live.ca) for help setting up your account or to volunteer.

Upcoming Lunches:

March 6 – Subway

March 13 – McDonalds

March 20 – Papa Johns

March 27 – Mary Browns

April 3 – Over The Top Pop Shop

April 10 – State & Main

April 17 – Boston Pizza

### **School Council**

School Councils play an invaluable role in providing parents with opportunities for meaningful involvement in their children's school. School Councils encourage a strong partnership between the school and the family and help parents become actively involved in the education of their children. School Councils have implemented strategies, practices and activities which have created the conditions for parents to engage in their child's education and have reduced barriers for parents who find involvement more challenging.

Please join our school council. It is an enjoyable time to hear what has been happening in the school as well as what we can look forward to. It is a chance to hear from other parents, administration, teachers, and our trustee and to ask questions. Our meeting dates are as follows:

**March 12/25 @ 6:30 pm**

**April 9/25 @ 6:30 pm**

**May 14/25 @ 6:30 pm**

**June 11/25 @ 6:30 pm**

Our next school council meeting of the year is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.** We will be meeting in person, at the school, in our staffroom beginning at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Terry Lewis and Ms. Kathryn Smith  
Heloise Lorimer School Administration Team

