



KNIGHTS NEWS – March 28, 2025

Thank you to all families that attended our Celebration of Learning on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We hope you enjoyed all the learning that your child shared with you.

As we head into the final weeks towards our spring break, take a step back. Breathe. Pause, reflect, and hold one another. Be close with your family. And above all else, may you continue to experience the joy of your children. Each day children bring a smile, enthusiasm, creativity, and inquisitiveness. Nothing seems to stop them. Thank you for sharing your children with us in their learning journey.

We wish you a Happy Easter and wonderful spring break in the month ahead.



Dates To Remember

Monday, March 31st – PL Day – No School

Wednesday, April 2nd – Autism Awareness – Wear Blue

Friday, April 4th – Heloise Lorimer’s Birthday – Wear Purple

Wednesday, April 12th – School Council Meeting

Thursday, April 17th – Spirit Day – Twin Day

Tuesday, April 22nd – Earth Day

April 18th – 27th – No School

Monday, April 28th – Students return to school from break

April 29th – Spring Photo Day

Battle of the Books

On March 17th, 170 students from grades 4 and 5 competed in a book trivia competition called Battle of the Books (BoB). The top two teams will go on to compete against teams from across the division on April 11th. All participants of BoB will get to keep a book from the Battle, and the winners of the top three teams won a little something extra.

Congratulations to the following teams for winning:

1st place: Cierra, Payton, Avery, Sophia, Shannon, & Harlee from Mrs. Lee's grade 5 class (Prize: a team pizza party)

2nd place: Harrison, Aanya, Vienna, Olivia, Karman, & Sawyer from Mrs. Kulkarni's grade 5 class (Prize: cake pops)

3rd place: Nyla, Haleigh, Aliza, Eve, Claire, & Hannah from Mrs. Duss' grade 4 class (Prize: scratch art kits)



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!

School Fees for 2025-2026

Here are our proposed school fees for 2025-2026:

Active Living Days/Grade Level PE Field Trips (K; Gr. 1-5) - \$119.00

Field Trips and In-School Events (K; Gr. 1-5) - \$142.00

Music Program (Gr. 4-5) - \$55.00

Proposed school fees will be presented to the school council on April 9th. Please note that the amount shown is the total amount that can be charged throughout the year.

If you have any further questions, please contact the office.

Growing Smiles Fundraiser



We have teamed up with Growing Smiles to bring you our annual Spring Plant Fundraiser!

Order deadline date: April 24th

Delivery Date: Friday May 9th, just in time for Mother's Day

There are so many options from hanging baskets, wave petunias, Boston ferns, hanging strawberry baskets, Herbs, Geraniums, Planters, Veggie Plants...

Happy Shopping & Thank you for your support!

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Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

We are teaming up with Purdy's Chocolatier to bring you our Knights 🐰 Spring Chocolate Fundraiser. Ordering is as easy as eating chocolate, so stock up on your favorite treats. Just click this link,

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1661912-128634>

Fill in your email address and click "Join Campaign" Customer #66161

Click the "shop online" tab Click "use marketplace" ...then enjoy browsing the tastiest selection of chocolates online.

Order Deadline: MARCH 30TH

Order Pickup Date: APRIL 14TH

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 3rd, 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:


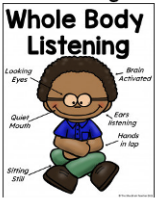




<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/news/post/kindergarten-registration-opens-feb-3>

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.

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

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

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

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.*

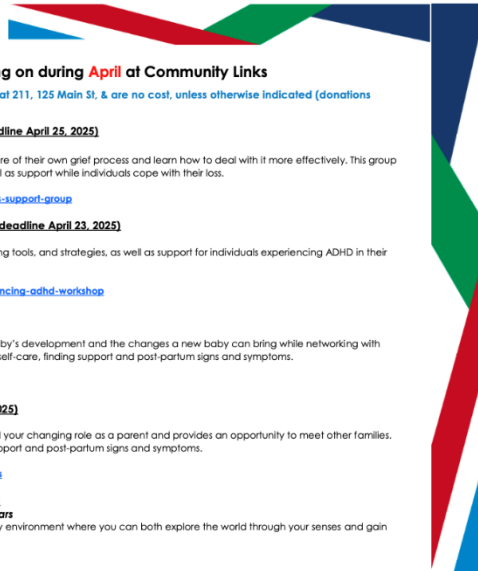
Check out our new Lost and Found – located in our main foyer

Our Lost and Found is overflowing. If you didn't have an opportunity to check it out during our student-led conferences, please come in to see if something may belong to you. Any items not claimed will be donated by Friday, April 11th.



CDA News

Do you have any gently used leggings/sweatpants that your child has outgrown? We'd love to add to our collection here at school! Now that we are in mudpuddle and wet field season, our demand for dry pants is surpassing our supply. Thank you!



What is going on during April at Community Links

*Please note all Programs/Workshops will be held at 211, 125 Main St. & are no cost, unless otherwise indicated (donations gratefully accepted).

Adult Grief & Loss Support Group (registration deadline April 25, 2025)

18+

During this 6-week group, adults will become more aware of their own grief process and learn how to deal with it more effectively. This group will offer education, coping tools, and strategies, as well as support while individuals cope with their loss.

Fridays, May 2 - June 6, 2025, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/adult-grief-loss-support-group>

Adults Experiencing ADHD Workshop (registration deadline April 23, 2025)

18+

This presentation on the topic will offer education, coping tools, and strategies, as well as support for individuals experiencing ADHD in their lives.

Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/adult-experiencing-adhd-workshop>

Baby Bobble (registration deadline April 1, 2025)

For parents/caregivers and children 0 - 6 months

In this group, you will receive information about your baby's development and the changes a new baby can bring while networking with other new parents. You will explore challenges such as self-care, finding support and post-partum signs and symptoms.

Tuesdays, April 8 - May 6, 2025, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/baby-bobble>

Baby Networks (registration deadline March 31, 2025)

For parents/caregivers and children 6 - 12 months

This 5-week group helps you learn about your baby and your changing role as a parent and provides an opportunity to meet other families. You will explore challenges such as self-care, finding support and post-partum signs and symptoms.

Mondays, April 7 - May 12, 2025, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/baby-networks>

Daddersday (registration deadline March 29, 2025)

For male parents/caregivers and children 0 - 5 years

Connect with your child in a fun, imaginative and messy environment where you can both explore the world through your senses and gain valuable tools to support you on this important journey!

Saturday, April 5, 2025, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/daddersday>

Parenting after Family Violence (registration deadline April 23, 2025)

18+

Are you looking to build new strategies to parent following family violence? The last Wednesday of each month we are hosting space for parents to explore a variety of topics.

The last Wednesday of each month, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/parenting-after-family-violence>

Parenting Children with ADHD (registration deadline April 10, 2025)

For parents/caregivers of children 5 - 12 years (ADULTS ONLY)

We will discuss information about ADHD such as symptoms and causes, resources available to support you and your child, the process of getting a diagnosis and explore parenting strategies that can help set your child up for success.

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/parenting-children-with-adhd>

Parenting Children with Anxiety (registration deadline April 17, 2025)

For parents/caregivers of children 7 - 14 years (ADULTS ONLY)

We will discuss information about anxiety such as symptoms and causes, resources available to support you and your child, and explore coping and parenting strategies that can help set your child up for success.

Thursday, April 24, 2025, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/parenting-children-with-anxiety>

Rhyme Time in Iricana (registration on-going)

For parents/caregivers and children 0 - 5 years

We will discuss the importance of early literacy, language, and a variety of parenting topics to promote healthy child development. This group is offered in collaboration with the Iricana & Rural Municipal Library and Rocky View County FCS.

The third Wednesday of each month, 10:00 am - 10:45 am

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/rhyme-time-in-iricana>

Triple P: Raising Resilient Children (registration deadline April 1, 2025)

For parents/caregivers and children 7 - 12 years (ADULTS ONLY)

Would you like to know how to encourage your child to develop the skills they need to be able to cope with their feelings to build emotional resilience? Would you like to develop your own approach to creating children who can recognize and accept their feelings and express them in positive ways, have a positive outlook and be better able to manage stressful life events? During this group we will focus on ways to help your tween navigate life's ups and downs in a positive, productive way.

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/triple-p-raising-resilient-children>



Please note that our offices will be closed:

Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Office closed from
12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Friday, April 18 & Monday,
April 21, 2025

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Phone: 403.945.3900 or 1.866.945.3905 Fax: 403.945.3901
www.mycommunitylinks.ca

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Phone: 403.947.2841 or 1.866.945.3905 Fax: 403.947.2839

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 for help setting up your account or to volunteer.

Upcoming Lunches:

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:

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, April 9th 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

