

OCTOBER 2009

Reporter No. 2

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IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ NOV 2 – HEP B & HPV IMMUNIZATIONS-GR 5
- ❖ NOV 3 – SCHOOL COUNCIL MTG 6:45 PM
- ❖ NOV 9 – REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY
- ❖ NOV 11 – REMEMBRANCE DAY – NO SCHOOL
- ❖ NOV 16 – BEGIN PHONING TO BOOK PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
- ❖ NOV 19 - 1ST REPORT CARD HOME
- ❖ NOV 19 – LAST DAY TO BOOK INTERVIEWS
- ❖ NOV 20 – TEACHER COLLABORATION/STAFF MEETING/NO SCHOOL
- ❖ NOV 23 –DISTRICT WIDE PD DAY-NO SCHOOL
- ❖ NOV 25 & 26 – PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
- ❖ NOV 27 – SPIRIT DAY LUNCH/ASSEMBLY

Principal's Message – Mrs. Bullin

October has been a busy month and filled with a flurry of activities. We hope you enjoyed our Wacky Spirit Day activities, our costume parade and the Halloween Dance.

Three of our teachers are being inducted into the Alberta Teachers Association the same evening as the Halloween Dance:

Mrs. Heidi Ast, Miss Kristine McKinley and Mrs. Emily Pahl.

Mrs. Kora Kuehn will be *welcomed* into the District. We congratulate all of them!

The Fire Department came to speak to all of the classes on escape routes and prevention measures in case of fire in the home. They had a contest for all grades for "Fire Chief for the Day." We hope you all got your entries in.

There was a District- Wide Professional Development Day on October 13, 2009. Staff attended a variety of workshops at Crescent Heights High School. The sessions were excellent and it was time well spent.

As teachers, there is always much to learn in order to stay current on curriculum changes and new ideas.

On our school collaborative time and staff meeting day, we analyzed our school provincial achievement tests. This is always a worthwhile exercise.

On the Farm Credit Food Drive, our students collected 1,345 pounds of food for the Food Bank. Way to go!

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – will be held on the evenings of **November 25th and 26th**. We will remind students daily to have parents call in to arrange for interview times. The evening interviews run from **3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

- ***PHONE TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT - Interview appointment times may be booked November 16-19, 2009. Please call the office @529-2960 and speak with Mrs. Baumbach.***

Report Cards for the first reporting period will be sent home on **Thursday, November 19, 2009**. Please return the Report Card to your child's teacher at Parent/Teacher interviews

ROAD RUNNER REPORTER DRAW – The winners of a dilly bar for reading our last reporter were:

Cayson Helmle – 3B	Bryson Helmle 1 / 2
Anthony Hullah 1 / 2	Jillian Hullah KA
Klarissa Hullah 5A	Madison Karpinsky KB
Billy Smith 5B	Gillian Smith KA
Liam Smith 3B	Morris Smith 2B
Sarah Stober 4B	Zachary Stober 2B

Good luck to our participants next month!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH – Congratulations to, **Angela Kyriazopoulos 5A** our most recent student of the month!

PRINCIPAL'S PALS –The following students were drawn for the October Principal's Pals Luncheon:

Sean Hales 1A	Tyler Klassen 1B
Benjamin Gebhardt 1 /2	Emma Smith 2A
William Craig 2B	Isabelle Westland 3A
Kennan Ast 3B	Emily Fleckenstein 4A
Angie Rabb 4B	Brooks Nelson 5A
Rylan Wilson 5B	Jake Milne 6A
Jaron Gackle 6B	

EXEMPLARY STUDENTS - These students have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, outstanding and consistent effort, outstanding citizenship, and/or above average improvement in work habits or academic achievement for the month of October:

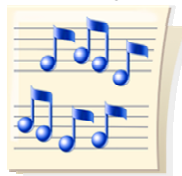
Kenton Ast 1A	Hope Harper 1B
Emma Smith 2A	Jada Harper 2B
Ethan Machan 2B	Jaron Wilson 3A
Braeden Long 3B	Ethan Hicks 4A
Jessica Schmidt 4A	Josh Hirsch 4B
Tyler Warkentin 4B	Savannah Zee 4B
Brandon Truscott 4B	Taylor Sweet 5A
Angela Kyriazopoulos 5A	Kayla Chouinard 5A
Abby Pedersen 5B	Matt Hicks 6A
Brett Dick 6A	Taylor Radtke 6A
Kamina Moore 6A	Jarred Cooney 6B

PRIMARY CHOIR – Primary Choir has opened its doors to many enthusiastic Grade 2 and 3 singers. Our goals, for each member of the choir, are to develop an appreciation of various types of music, to develop good listening and vocal skills, and to realize the enjoyment of fellow musicians.

Rehearsals are scheduled every **Tuesday at 12:20 p.m.** If your child has not attended this year, they are still welcome to do so.

We look forward to an exciting and fun filled year sharing the beauty of music with your child.

Ms. Felesky and Mr. Maier



UPPER ELEMENTARY CHOIR – The Upper Elementary Choir will be beginning in the middle of October. This is offered to Grades 4 – 6 students. Practices will be held at noon on **Wednesdays** in the music room. Stay tuned for our various performances throughout the year!



HAND BELL CHOIRS – We are excited to announce that we will be starting Hand Bell Choir next week. Mrs. Mandel will be organizing the hand bell choir for interested Grade 4, 5 and 6 students. This choir will be practicing on **Thursdays** at noon and will be performing at various school events. We look forward to our beautiful performances!

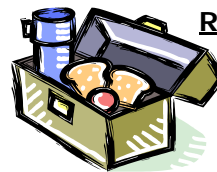
SCHOOL FEES WERE DUE SEPTEMBER 30TH – All unpaid student fees are now **PAST DUE**. If you have not paid your child's fees at this time, please call Mrs. Bullin at 529-2960 as special payment arrangements can be made. (Monthly installments may be arranged). We accept cash, post-dated cheques, VISA and MasterCard.

ALLERGIES: Parents are reminded that we have several children at Ross Glen School that have extreme allergies. These allergies are to nuts (especially peanuts). **The slightest contact with these substances can be life threatening to these students.** We ask for your support in minimizing this danger to these children by not sending nut products for snacks or lunches. Thank you.

WAS YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL TODAY? – Please telephone the school (529-2960) if your child is sick or away from school. We have a 24 hour answering machine and you may leave a message if we are not in the office. Due to the recent outbreak of influenza, please indicate if your student has any of the following influenza-like symptoms: sudden onset of coughing, fever, sore throat, aches/pains &/or vomiting

STAFF PARKING – Parents *are encouraged not to stop in the staff parking lot even for short visits.* Our staff pays a fee for their parking spaces and even though it may be empty when you arrive, not all staff schedules are the same as school hours.

TRAFFIC SAFETY – Parents are reminded to exercise extra care and caution while driving in the area of the school. With many children coming and going and a large amount of vehicular traffic, we must do all we can to prevent a tragedy. Thank you to all of you who have responded so well to the requests to keep the parking lots free of traffic.



ROSS GLEN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM - Lunch Order Forms

are sent home each **Wednesday** and we ask that they be returned, with exact payment, on Friday morning. This facilitates proper planning and acquisition of supplies by Mrs. Nickel. We cannot guarantee delivery of service for late returns, incomplete orders, improper payments and/or special requests. If we are to continue the level of service at such a reasonable cost, we truly do need everyone's cooperation.

We would like to thank the many families that took advantage of our yearly rates for Lunch Supervision. This offer expires as of October 30, 2009 for this year. Those who wish can participate in the monthly rates. To take advantage of this, please contact Mrs. Heninger.

We are pleased to offer this extra service to parents, but please be advised that **students who do not behave appropriately may lose the privilege of having lunch at school.**

We would like to thank Delaine Nickel, Danielle Heninger, Myrna Brosnikoff, Helen Gnam, Dana Martens, Donalyn Daniels, Michelle Neufeld and Lisa Long for the fine job they do of supervising students through the noon hour. We would also like to thank Delaine Nickel for the tremendous job she does of managing our Hot Lunch Program.

REMEMBRANCE DAY - NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 as this is a stat holiday.



SALE OF THE POPPIES: - Poppies will be available for all students. Students may make a small donation to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund. Collection cans will be located in each classroom. We do encourage each student to donate.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 23 – NO SCHOOL as this is a District-Wide Professional Development. There **will be no** Extended School Activity Program on this day.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES -

Ross Glen School is once again supporting this wonderful opportunity to impact the lives of children around the globe. As a project of hope, love and joy, children who receive these boxes have a reprieve from their pain and fears as they discover the wonders inside, thanks to people like you have generously donated. If you are unable to pack a whole box, single items are gratefully accepted as many teachers have a classroom box for you to help fill.

Please return single items or filled boxes to the school by Wednesday November 12. Also, please remember to enclose \$7.00 for shipping, as well as attaching the appropriate label to the box. Boxes are available from Ms. Algje, Mr. Maier or outside the office on the table.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – Spirit Day Shout-Outs

2 Spirit Days lunch down...only 7 more to go!!! Thank you to Selena Smythe, Yvonne Bijman, Heather Cooper, Carrie Stober and Catherine Fraser who counted and prepared the class orders. Those that ordered September Spirit Day lunch enjoyed a hot dog, beverage, a huge dill pickle, and a "dirt cup". New this year, each Spirit Day lunch will include a special surprise treat. Thank you to Mrs. Mandel who made apple magnets that were stuffed with a sucker. We wonder what October's surprise treat will be? Thanks to all the families that support this worthwhile monthly treat. The small profit that we make each month will go towards the free fun day lunch that Parent Council provides to all the students in June. Thanks for supporting this monthly fundraiser.

Our second Spirit Day was Taco in a Bag. It was a great success. Chef Dan Smythe, from the Medicine Hat Lodge, graciously donated his time to prepare all the

fixings necessary for such a great lunch. Thanks again to Mrs. Mandel for making all of the spider suckers. Our assembly line included Brenda Yeomans, Heather Cooper, Krista Bourke, Rebeca Rothfus, Catherine Fraser, Carrie Stober, and Alison Knodel. Spirit Day sure runs smooth will all the help from these great ladies!!!



EXEMPLARY STUDENTS AT OUR "WACKY DRESS AND HAIR" SPIRIT DAY ASSEMBLY

October Bake Sale - Students were excited for our second bake sale of the season. Thank you to Heather Moraal, Clarice Barnes, Elizabeth Gebhardt, Lori Thorpe, Kristi Terrill, Leanne Stanke, Shauna Mandel and Carrie Stober for baking such YUMMY treats and donating them to this cause. Sorry if we missed anybody, there were a few unmarked treats dropped off with no names on them. If you are interested in donating items for the November 18th sale please contact Carrie at 403-529-6191 or Rodster3@telus.net. Just a reminder, that we are a nut sensitive school so please ensure that your baked goodies are nut free and able to be sold individually. This is a great way to show your children that you support Ross Glen School Parent Council. All monies raised will be used in the spring for sprucing up the flower beds etc. at our school.

Please consider attending our next council meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:45 pm in the staffroom. Free Babysitting is available so bring your children along. We would like to encourage all parents from Kindergarten to Grade 6 to come on out and have a voice. Being involved in your child's education is one of the most effective ways to help ensure that your child has an enjoyable and meaningful time here at Ross Glen School. **Please consider becoming involved!!!!**



SAFETY PATROL NEWS – We have all seen how busy it can be in front of the school with cars, trucks and buses. Traffic jams make everyone frustrated and unsafe. For every student who walks to

school, there is one less vehicle outside the school in the morning and afternoon.

So if you want to help make the school a safer place in the morning and afternoon, why not ask your parent to park a little further away and you can walk together.

If you have not walked to school before, ask someone you trust to walk with you and show you the way. They can point out any dangerous things along the route, and you will learn to get to school safely by yourself. Remember to follow all the traffic safety rules, and enjoy your walk to school!

Thank you to our grade six safety patrol helpers. Your assistance and modeling was greatly appreciated during the month of September. Our new patrollers were lucky to have your guidance. We would also like to thank this year's safety patrollers for the great job thus far. Your efforts are not going unnoticed and I am pleased with the responsibility you are taking in this new position.

We would like to also extend congratulations to **Cali Yearwood** for earning the **Patroller of the Month**.



PHONE CALLS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

– We recognize that there is a need to contact your child at school upon occasion. We ask that these contacts be kept to a minimum by limiting these to emergency calls only. Your cooperation is appreciated.

CITY WIDE FUN RUN – We had a large number of students participate at the city wide fun run at the end of September. They trained hard and represented us well. Thank you to all the staff that helped out with this program.

GRADE 5 SOCCER DAY - No less than 20 Ross Glen students and lots of parents braved the chilly weather to play in the grade 5 soccer tournament on October 2nd. The Roadrunners showed great sportsmanship throughout the tournament and even played in a little extra exhibition with some of the parents in between their scheduled games. A special thank-you goes out to Mrs. Mandel for the half-time snacks ☺

WINTER IS APPROACHING - Students should come to school appropriately dressed for the season. *Children are expected to be outdoors before school, recess and at noon hour and need to come prepared.*

INFLUENZA SEASON – Please remember to make a habit of washing your hands often. Also keep your hands away from your face to prevent the spread of colds and flu.

A special note to parents: please note we have Hand Sanitizer at each entrance for adults entering our building. Thank you for taking the

time to use the Hand Sanitizer and making our school a safer place for our students!

Parents/Guardians

You are invited to a one hour information presentation on

INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

Provided by The Medicine Hat Police Service

This is geared towards Parents/Guardians of Elementary and Junior High age children.

Hosted by George Davison School Parent Council and supported by SD76 Council of School Councils

Location: Crescent Heights High School Theatre

Date: Monday, November 23, 2009 7:00-8:00p.m.

1-2-3 Magic! Parent Training Course

Upcoming **1-2-3 Magic** courses:

Wednesdays, October 7 & 14 @ 900 a.m. – noon

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Tuesdays, November 3 & 10 @ 9:00 a.m. – noon

Wednesdays, November 4 & 18 @ 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, December 2 & 9 @ 900 a.m. – noon

Wednesdays, December 2 & 9 @ 7:00-9:00 p.m.

These are parent training sessions. Professionals who would like to learn about the *1-2-3 Magic* method of discipline in order to support their clients are always welcome to attend too, for their professional development. A certificate of completion is provided to all participants who complete both classes. Registration is free for everyone. Call 403-502-8257 to register.

Children's Groups

We continue to offer four children's groups: ***Kids in Between*** divorce group for 6-7 year olds, ***Kids in Control*** anger management group for 6-7 year olds, ***Kids in Control*** for 4-5 year olds, and ***Little Sparks***, a filial play skills group for 3-5 year olds. Any parents who may be interested in a group for their child should call our office at the phone number below for details. For descriptions of all our children's groups, visit our website at: <http://www.palliserhealth.ca/Team-Services.html>

Parent Resources

Information sheets on the effects of TV on children, and sleep deprivation in children and adults, as well as other topics of interest to parents and those working with

children are available on our Alberta Health website:
<http://www.palliserhealth.ca/Parent-Resources.html>

NEW: *Southeast Alberta Children's Resource Guide*, a directory of all children's programs and services in our area, developed under the leadership of the Palliser Child & Youth Network Committee, is now available as a booklet or on line. You can access the on line version at:
http://www.sacyhn.ca/pdfs/SE_Children's_Resource_Guide_2009.pdf

If you require any further information about our programs and services or would like to register for a 1-2-3 Magic course, please call the phone number below.

"Sharing a Vision of Excellence"

Janice Eckert

Intake Worker
CHADS Behavioral Services
Alberta Health Services, Medicine Hat
Phone 403-502-8257

MEDICINE HAT MINOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION 2009 FALL SKILLS CLINIC

Clinic Date: 21 Nov 2009,

(Mites and Squirts) (Ages 9-12) - 9 am to 11:30 am

(Peewee, Bantam, Midget and Junior) (Ages 13 and up)
- 12:00 to 3:00

@ the Medicine Hat Field House

FEE: ** \$10 – (**Note:** for MHMSA players, if you bring a friend who is a non-MHMSA member the cost will be only \$5)

For more information, please go to www.medhatminorsoftball.ab.ca, contact 504-1579 or register at the door.

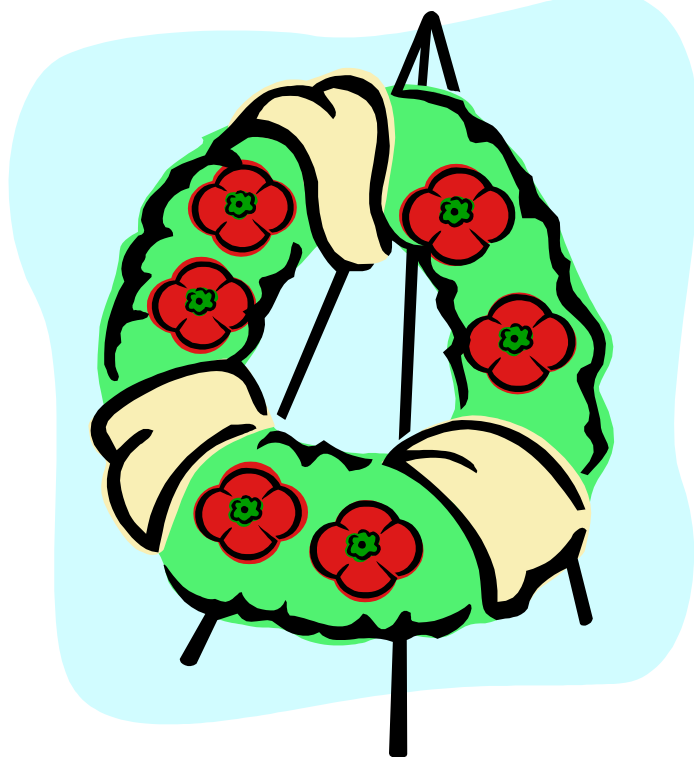
Remember to be at least 15-30mins early to "warm up"



After reading the bulletin with your student please return this portion for our monthly draw.
(Please have your child put it in the draw box in the hallway outside of the office).

My child(ren), _____ in Grade _____ A / B, and I have read the Road Runner Reporter.

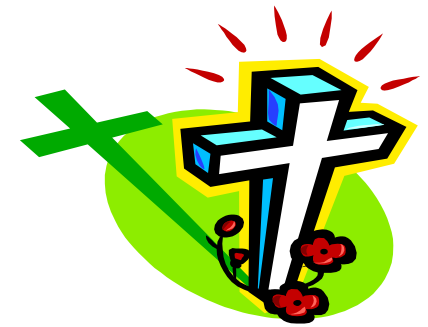
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE










INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

November 2009



Monday Senior		Tuesday Intermediate		Wednesday Senior		Thursday Junior		Friday
Early	Late	Early	Late	Early	Late	Early	Late	
	2		3		4		5	6
Swamp Ball		Four Corners		Capture The Flag 		Snake in the Grass		No Intramurals
B-R	G-Y	R-Y	G-B	R-G	B-Y	B-Y	R-G	
	9		10		11		12	13
Temple of Doom		Relays		No school 		Color Monster		No Intramurals
R-Y	B-G	G-R	Y-B			R-Y	B-G	
	16		17		18		19	20
Girls & Boys Choice		Girls & Boys Choice		Girls & Boys Choice		Mouse Trap 		No School
Y-B	R-G	B-G	R-Y	B-G	Y-R	G-R	B-Y	
23			24		25		26	27
<u>No School</u>		Capture The  Flag		Bench Ball		Leap Frog Tag 		Spirit Day
G-Y	Tag 30 R-B	Y-B	G-R	R-Y	G-B	Y-G	R-B	

November 2009

ROSS GLEN SCHOOL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 HEP B & HPV IMMUNIZATIONS GR 5	3 SCHOOL COUNCIL MTG 6:45 PM	4 KINDERGARTEN PD AFTERNOON	5	6	7 GR 6 VOLLEYBALL 9 - NOON
8	9 REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY	10 GRADE 6 FIELDTRIP TO MHHS FOR ERIC WALTERS PRESENTATION PM	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY NO SCHOOL 	12	13	14
15	16 BEGIN BOOKING PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS 8 - 3:30	17	18	19 *FIRST REPORT CARD HOME *LAST DAY TO BOOK PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS 8-3:30	20 *NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS *TEACHER COLLABORATION / STAFF MEETING	21
22	23 DISTRICT WIDE COMMON PLANNING TIME NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	24	25 PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS 3:30 - 6:30	26 PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS 3:30 - 6:30	27 SPIRIT DAY LUNCH & ASSEMBLY	28
29	30					