

December 2011

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ JAN 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR
- ❖ JAN 9 – FIRST DAY BACK- FROM CHRISTMAS BREAK
- ❖ JAN 13 – PARENT ASSOCIATION MTG; 2:00 PM
- ❖ JAN 17 – SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM
- ❖ **** Please note change of date for this meeting**
- ❖ JAN 20 – TEACHER COLLABORATION / STAFF MEETING DAY – NO SCHOOL
- ❖ JAN 27 – SPIRIT DAY LUNCH AND ASSEMBLY
- ❖ JAN 26 – GR 4 SKI TRIP
- ❖ FEB 1 – GR 5/6 SKI TRIP



5. Recognize your child's special gifts. Each child has special talents. Perhaps the most important thing you can do is to help your child see how she or he is special. That boosts confidence – and sets the stage for learning.

Principal's Message – Mrs. Therese Bullin

The staff of Ross Glen School wishes you a wonderful holiday season with the hope that the New Year will bring you and your family health and happiness. We also hope that you had a chance to enjoy our Christmas concerts.

A big thank you to those parents/ grandparents/ guardians who have volunteered in our school. Your help and support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to a great 2012!

What are ways you can make a difference this school year?

As a parent, you were your child's first teacher. Even when your child is in school you still teach important lessons everyday. Here are a few suggestions where you can make a difference.

1. Read to your child everyday. Long after children learn to read for themselves, they love this special time and children who are read to are the children who want to read on their own.
2. Join the School Council. Everyone benefits when we work together.
3. Volunteer – The more help parents give teacher, the more time teachers can spend with students. Work full-time? There are still many ways you can help.
4. Let your children know that school is important. Ask about homework, sign agendas, attend school events and talk about how you use what you learned in school in your job.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS School resumes on **MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012** (Christmas Holidays are from **December 24, 2011 – Jan 9, 2012 inclusive**)

LOST AND FOUND – Lost and Found items will be on display in the back hallway of the school. When you are in the school, please check through the tables and retrieve any long lost items that may belong to your family. **Any items left will be bagged and given to charity on the 22ND.**

Intramural Update.....

I hope that all of you are as excited as I am when I tell you that the Leaders have organized to have the Medicine Hat College "Rattlers" visit Ross Glen! Mark your calendars because on January 18/2012 at noon the Rattlers will be playing a game of volleyball against Ross Glen's teachers. Does this news excite you? Well it gets better, students who attend the Intramural Program will have collected participation points and the students with the most participation points will have their name put into a draw for the chance to play with the Rattler's against the teachers on January 18th 2012, (Wednesday). Participation winners need to be in either grade five or six to play full court volleyball. In March, grades one through four will have the opportunity to play with the "Rattlers" against the teachers in a game of Futsal. If you are wondering what Futsal is, it's a five-a -side indoor game of soccer played on a smaller pitch unlike outdoor soccer. See you all there!



PHONE MESSAGES - Keeping in touch with one another is very important, particularly when your family life is hectic with kids and parents involved in many activities. We recognize from time to time that communications 'misfire', or situations change and you need to contact your child(ren) at school to get back on track. We try our best to accommodate these occurrences; however, there are times and situations that occur that make getting a message to your child very difficult. Some days we get an overwhelming



number of these requests. We want you to be aware that we cannot guarantee that your message will get through. Please plan ahead with your children and **RESTRICT**

PHONE MESSAGES TO EMERGENT SITUATIONS ONLY. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ROAD RUNNER REPORTER DRAW

Abby Lunge 6A	Ryan Lunge 4B
Kaelyn Fowler 4A	Megan Harbidge 4B
Tyler Klassen 3B	Jennifer Klassen 1B
Kiera Laman 2A	Logan Terrill 4A
Carter Terrill 2C	Kalli Reid 2B
Austin Kienzle 3B	Zack Kienzle 1A

PRINCIPAL PALS DECEMBER – The following students will be having pizza lunch with Mrs. Bullin and Mr. King-Hunter on Tuesday, January 10th.

Nicholas Yaremchuk 1A	Rylynn Campbell 1B
Lainee Cross Child 2A	Jillian Hullah 2B
Carter Terrill 2C	Alexis Milne 3A
Hope Inkpen 3B	Taylor Molloy 4A
Luke Forsberg 4B	Natalie Johnson 5A
Phoenix Harding 5B	Abby Lunge 6A
Sabrina Kimber 6B	

EXEMPLARY STUDENT DECEMBER

Nykita Bonogofski 1A	Rylynn Campbell 1B
Lainee Cross Child 2A	Sky Loeppky 2B
Kalli Reid 2B	Ella Patterson 2C
Brannon Sumner 3A	Hope Harper 3B
Kaiden Bradford 4A	Dylan Kantrud 4A
Jaden Schwindt 4B	Kyden Moore 4B
Ryan Lunge 4B	Jayden Miller 5A
Cody Irving 5B	Adriana Morales 5B
Damien Clarke 6A	Savannah Zee 6A
Aiden Beattie 6A	Madison Egan 6B



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



Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!


January 2012

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8	9 FIRST DAY BACK FROM CHRISTMAS BREAK	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM	18	19	20 STAFF MTG / TEACHER COLLABORATION NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	21
22	23	24	25	26 GRADE 4 SKI TRIP TO HIDDEN VALLEY	27 SPIRIT DAY LUNCH / ASSEMBLY 	28
29	30	31				

All color groups (12:10-12:35pm)

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Monday JUNIOR (grade 1 & 2)	Tuesday INTERMEDIATE (grade 3&4)	Wednesday SENIOR (grade 5&6)	Thursday GRADE 1-3	Friday GRADE 4-6
2	3	4	5	6
9 Basketball Freeze Tag	10 Basketball Freeze Tag	11 Volleyball	12 Open Gym Grade 1-3	13 Open Gym Grade 4 - 6
16 Steal the Bacon- Basketball Style	17 Steal the Bacon- Basketball Style	18 Rattlers vs. Teachers - Volleyball 	19 Make up day for Seniors Steal the Bacon- Basketball Style	20 No School No Intramurals
23 3-on-3 No Dribble Keep Away	24 3-on-3 No Dribble Keep Away	25 Basketball Freeze Tag	26 Open Gym Grade 1-3	27 Spirit Day No Intramurals
30 3-on-3 Dribble Keep Away	31 3-on-3 Dribble Keep Away			

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Barb Algie
Therese Bullin
Wes King-Hunter
Shauna Mandel
Melissa Macanowicz
Nicole McNaughton
Wendy Christie
Shawna Boodhoo
Karen Dion

Tammy Ramsay
Lisa Long
Adrian McNeil
Delaïne Nickel
Kora Kuehn
Laureen Aussant
Brandy Campbell
Wendy Quintin
Tracy Lawson
Aryn Werezak
Sandra Dalton
Jackie Johnson
Lori Bastura

Imoene Hoff
Wes King-Hunter
Melissa Macanowicz
Shawna Boodhoo
Helen Gazica
Jolene Foster
Ashley Bohonos
Denise McDougall
Susan Reichart
Devaughn Squire
Tricia Kennedy
Dana Martens
Sheila Dollimont
Cora Lee Coburn



Danielle Heninger
Rosemary Baumbach
Heidi Ast
Lazaro Garcia

Paula Wright
Myrna Brosnikoff
Cynthia Henders
Michelle Neufeld
Lorraine Johnson
Angela Sulz
Lana Matthews

From all the staff at Ross Glen School
Shelly Galipeau
Royce Hopkins
Heather Gold
Mary Ann Jones
Cheryl Merkel
Darrel Maier
Nadine Felesky
Melissa Goudy
Ed Kruger
Carroll Mayer



Travel Outside of Canada

International travel can expose you and your family to infectious diseases not frequently seen in Canada.

Based on your current health, immunization history, and travel plans, a healthcare provider can assess your health risks and advise you on immunization requirements, your need for preventative medication and how to avoid health risks.

Currently, there is a world-wide risk for red measles.

Please contact your local Public Health office, a pharmacist specializing in travel health, or your physician at least six weeks before departure for an individual health assessment.

Go to www.travelhealth.gc.ca for more information.



Celebrate Family Literacy Day January 27

On Family Literacy Day Canadian families are invited to spend at least 15 minutes a day reading and learning. This could be reading a storybook together, playing word games, singing, writing to family or friends or assisting with writing out simple things like a grocery list.

Reading aloud helps children learn listening, vocabulary and language skills as well developing their imagination and creativity. Time spent reading together increases a child's reading skills, increases their sense of security and gives them a sense of being worthwhile.

To encourage a lifelong reader parents should read to their child daily, have lots of books around, and to let your child see you reading.

For more activities families can do to make learning a part of daily life go to www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca.

Breaking Up is Hard to Do!

National Non-Smoking Week: January 15-21

Most parents hope that their children will choose to avoid tobacco. For parents who use tobacco, it can seem difficult to discuss these expectations with their children. Research indicates that children whose parents talk to them about smoking are less likely to start. **That is especially true if the parent is a smoker.** Parents are one of the greatest influences in their kids' lives and honest conversations about the risks and consequences of tobacco use can influence kids' decisions about smoking.

If you are a smoker and tried to quit at least once before, tell your child about how difficult it is and why you wish you could. If you're thinking about quitting again, or are interested in helping someone else make changes in tobacco use, there are supports available.

For advice on how to "Break-Up with Tobacco", visit www.albertaquits.ca or call 1-866-710-QUIT(7848)

What is "Physical Literacy"?

Just as kids need to develop reading and writing, they also need to develop their physical literacy.

Canada's Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) program, defines physical literacy as "*a sound foundation of fundamental movement and sports skills*". It means developing agility, balance, coordination and speed; being able to move comfortably in different environments – on the ground or in the water; and mastering skills like throwing, catching a ball, riding a bike and skating. "Many children develop good physical skills by trial-and-error, but many do not," reports the LTAD program's *Developing Physical Literacy* guide for parents. "Children tell us that not having the skills to play is one major reason they drop out of physical activity and organized sport." With physical literacy, kids are more likely to be active, and this will help them stave off health problems such as obesity and chronic disease.

To find out how to enhance your child's physical literacy go to: www.canadiansportforlife.ca