

# Raymer Elementary SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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2017

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## WELCOME BACK

I feel fortunate to continue to be a part of such a caring and supportive community. I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday. Welcome back to our RAY families and welcome to our new families. On June 30 Jan Gillett, a long standing and dedicated Raymer teacher, retired. It was a surprise to all. We wish her all the best in her new adventures. We are going 'green' with the newsletter. September's newsletter will be the only printed newsletter for the whole school. We will be emailing future newsletters as well as having some available at the office and posting on our web site. The beginning of the year is such an exciting time. Our strong, dedicated staff work hard to create an inclusive environment, promoting success for all students. We will continue to provide the children with learning opportunities that foster the attributes of a Central Okanagan Learner (learner, thinker, collaborator, contributor and innovator) so they can discover and follow their passions. Together, we can achieve our goal of providing the best learning environment for all of our students to build their independence and self-confidence. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.



Sincerely,  
*Terrilynn Nunes*

## FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

As you are aware, today, the Grades 1 to 6 students returned to their "last year's teacher". All new students were placed into a grade group as well. We always experience some fluctuation in our student numbers in September. Today the students attended for a half of a day. The rest of the week the students attend a FULL day. The Kindergarten students are on a separate schedule and will attend full time September 13. Please call the office if you are a Kindergarten student's parent and you do not have your child's schedule.

June 27, 2017

## Math Olympic Winners

**Gold:** Grade 3 Maddix J, Grade 4 Quinn D., Grade 5 Liv W., Grade 6 Natham D.

**Silver:** Grade 3 Nathaniel K., Grade 4 Draikyn M., Grade 5 Stevie J., Grade 6 Lynden I.

**Bronze:** Grade 3 Erika DJ., Grade 4 Caleb H., Grade 5 Lola V., Grade 6 Madison D.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Early Dismissal (11:00).....	Sept 05
Kindergarten Parent Meeting	Sept 12
PAC Welcome Back Social	Sept 14
Terry Fox Run .....	Sept 15
PAC Meeting .....	Sept 19
Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 12:30)	Sept 21-22
Chapter's Fundraiser	Sept. 26
Primary Author Visit	Sept 27
Student Fee deadline ....	Sept. 29
PAC Pizza .....	Sept 29
Implementation Day.....	Oct. 06
Photo Day .....	Oct. 10
Professional Dev Day.....	Oct. 20

*Check our website for current activities at Raymer.*

**WELCOME**

We would like to welcome these additional new staff members to RAYMER.

Teachers: Ms. Benzer, Mrs. Samaddar, Ms. Hertz

CEA: Mrs. Mendez

Welcome back to our teaching staff, Mrs. Cartwright and Mrs. Brett

We also welcome our new administrative assistant, Ms. Skene.



**Important Safety Information**

There is no parent parking or student drop-off on site. There is short term parent parking on Raymer Street in front of the school and parents are asked to use the newly created walkways to access the main entrance. Handicapped parking is available in the Tutt Street lot adjacent to the access ramp by the main entrance. Please do not block driveways or park on the boulevards as this also creates hazards for our students. We appreciate your cooperation.



**FOIPOP—Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Policy 740: In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, no school district employee shall release any personal information, e.d. the name, address or electronic access number of a student, parent, guardian or staff to any person or enterprise.

**Fantastic Facilities On-Site**

- *Strong Start Early Learning Centre* for children ages 2.5 to 5 years (contact 778-478-9733)
- *Clubhouse Daycare* which provides daycare and kindercare programs (contact 250-860-6177); and
- *Luna Park Preschool* which provides programs for 3 and 4 year olds (contact 250-762-7505)

**The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process**

Policy 460 – Appeals states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in School District No. 23 may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student".

For a complete description of the Appeals Policy along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District homepage.

**The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause**

Within School District Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". This clause in the Regulations provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families, while preserving the dignity of families who may be unable to pay. Please contact the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

**Kindergarten Parent Night: September 12 at 6:00.**

**Parent Conferences** will be on **Thursday, Sept 21** and **Friday, Sept 22**. We will have an early dismissal at 12:30. A letter will come home asking for your preferred time for a conference. It will be a good opportunity to meet your child's teacher, ask questions about his/her philosophy/program of teaching, and provide any specific input you feel is necessary about your child.

**CHAPTER'S FUNDRAISER** Sept 26 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Chapters. See attached invite on the last page.



**Volunteer & Criminal Record Checks**

If you are planning to participate in activities in your child's classroom or help with fieldtrips, a Criminal Record Check must be completed through the Central Okanagan School Board. This is mandatory for all volunteers, and is paid for by the district. Volunteers are not permitted in the classrooms or on field trips until the record check has been finalized.

**Nut Aware School**

Please do not send peanut butter or other products which contain peanuts to school. Help us ensure that those individuals with allergies can be safe at Raymer.



## RAYMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

At Raymer Elementary School, we recognize that each child and situation is unique and we will always strive to ensure that our school creates a climate of mutual respect, cooperation, and academic excellence. The code of conduct at Raymer Elementary School is based on the following balance of rights and responsibilities.

Rights	Responsibilities
Students have the right to learn.	Students have the responsibility to actively participate and be responsible learners.
Students have the right to be respected.	Students have the responsibility to respect others (not to bully, tease, pick on, or harass others).
Students have the right to be safe.	Students have the responsibility to behave in a safe manner and to protect the safety of others.
Students have the right to privacy and security of personal space.	Students have the responsibility to respect the property and privacy of others (students, staff and community).
Students have the right to use student equipment and property.	Students have the responsibility to use the equipment and property according to all applicable rules and with care and respect.

### STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

School District No. 23 does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance at a reasonable cost.

Application forms for a program underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services (KIDS PLUS Accident Insurance) will be sent home with students at the end of the first week of

### SCHOOL FEES ON-LINE!

Our on-line payment system for student supplies and cultural fees should be up and running by the end of the first week of September. At that time, you can go to our school website, and select the link to register & pay for fees on-line, or visit the following website: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com> and register to pay for student fees on-line.

Register by selecting "Get Started Now" and follow the steps. After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

Once the system is up and running, we ask that you register as soon as possible. Along with the option to electronically pay from your bank account, there is also the option to pay by **credit card**. Student fees are \$40 per child (\$30 supplies + \$10 cultural). We strongly encourage parents to take advantage of the on-line payment process, but alternately, you can still send in cash or cheque (payable to RAY) to your child's classroom teacher.

Note: If you opt to purchase your own supplies, advise your child's teacher. The \$10 cultural fee must still be paid.

**Fee deadline September 29th, 2017.**

The on-line payment option will be made available to parents for fee payment and for many field trip events throughout the year.



### You are Invited!!!

Please join us for the PAC Welcome Back Social on September 14th from 5pm to 7pm at the back field. Please come and meet your Raymer Community. City of Kelowna Park and Play will be on site with games. Scooter's ice-cream and Chick, Chick Boom food trucks will be available to purchase dinner. Please bring your own chairs/blankets. PAC would also like to invite you to their PAC Pizza on September 29th.

Also for parents, we are having our first PAC meeting on Tuesday September 19. So please come on out and meet our current great PAC executives and volunteers and see how you can contribute and help out our school community.

### Bussing Information from SD23 Transportation Dept.

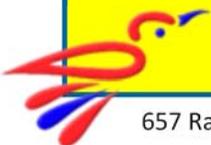
Parents, guardians, and students are reminded that students must be registered riders with bus passes in order to ride the school bus. Friends and clients of afterschool care are not eligible for school bus service at any time during the year unless they are registered riders. Alternate forms of transportation need to be arranged for after school social plans and daycare arrangements. In cases of financial hardship, application for subsidy shall be through your school Principal. This is a good time to review the safety rules for bus riders. These rules are posted on the transportation website at: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/SchoolBus/Safety/Pages/default.aspx>



Due to the volume of applications for courtesy rides, it may not be possible to contact each applicant individually. If you have not had a courtesy application confirmed by October 15<sup>th</sup>, it may mean that there are no additional seats available. However, if you believe that there is space still available on a school bus passing through your neighbourhood, please contact [transportation@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:transportation@sd23.bc.ca).

Please note that courtesy seats are subject to cancellation at a week's notice should seats be needed for additional eligible riders as per SD No.23 policy.

For more information about school bus transportation, please visit our website at <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/SchoolBus/Pages/default.aspx>





Raymer Elementary School  
Tuesday, September 26 @ 5:00-8:00

**Chapters Kelowna**

Orchard Park, 2271 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 6H2  
250—868-8084

**Please bring this invitation with you to the FUNdraiser!**

**Chapter's in Orchard Park Mall** and the staff of **Raymer Elementary** cordially invite you to a community FUNdraising event.

Come out and go shopping while supporting Raymer Elementary. With every purchase of regularly priced, in-store items at Chapter's on this special evening, up to 20% of the purchase will be donated directly back to Raymer!

Choose from a wide selection of book, gifts, toys, magazines, music and much more!  
Your purchase will make a difference.

When you arrive at the store, please ensure that you register at the registration desk, which will be located directly inside the main doors.

Hope to see you there!

Please note, in order to ensure the most successful and profitable FUNdraiser possible for **Raymer**, any discounts (including iRewards, Plum Rewards, Best-sellers, etc.) will not be in effect during the event, and the purchase of Gift Certificates, Membership Cards, Electronics and Love of Reading Donations do not count towards the FUNdraiser.

# September 2017

RAYMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 Stat Holiday	5 First day of school (dismissal at 11:00 a.m.)	6 Dismissal at 2:30 for students	7 	8	9 
10	11	12 Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:00—7:00	13 Kindergarten students begin full days	14 PAC Welcome Back Social 5pm to 7pm	15	16
17	18	19 <i>PAC Meeting in the Library @ 6:30-7:30</i>	20	21 Parent Teacher Conferences (dismissal @ 12:30)	22 Parent Teacher Conferences (dismissal @ 12:30)	23
24	25	26 Chapters Fundraiser 5:00-8:00	27 Primary Author Visit Margiet Ruurs	28	29 School Fees Due  <i>PAC Pizza</i>	30

## ABSENCES AND LATES



Please call the school to report a student's absence 250-870-5125.  
If your child arrives late (after 8:30 a.m.) they must sign in at the office.  
Students are to remain outside until the 8:25 warning bell.