



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RAYMER



September 23rd - 27th
"The Sky's the Limit"



WEEKLY PREVIEW

Monday September 23

- Marino: Field Trip: Knox Mountain
- Monday Family Games: 2:45 - 3:45 pm (Library)

Tuesday September 24

- SAY CHEESE - Picture Day
- **CANCELLED: PAC MEETING (see pg 2)**

Wednesday September 25

- Fire Drill @ 9:00 am

Thursday September 26

- Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm & Parent Teacher Conferences & Welcome Back BBQ - See Flyer for time details
- Book Fair - See Flyer for time details

Friday September 27

- Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm & Parent Teacher Conferences
- Book Fair - See Flyer for time details
- Wear **Orange** to honour Orange Shirt Day

Upcoming Events

Sept 30: **National Day For Truth & Reconciliation** - No School
Oct 3: Fire Drill @ 10:45 am
Oct 4: Hot Lunch: Fresh Slice Pizza
Oct 8: Fire Drill @ 1:50 pm
Oct 10: Gr 6 Immunizations
Oct 11: Curriculum Implementation Day (No School for Students)
Oct 14: **Thanksgiving Day** (No School)
Oct 17: Earthquake Drill @ 10:19 am
Oct 18: Hot Lunch: Fatburger
Oct 21: Cultural Performance
Oct 22: Picture Retake Day
Oct 25: Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
Oct 29: PAC Halloween Dance
Oct 29: **CANCELLED PAC MEETING (see pg 2)**

Learning Together



Buddy Reading with our grade 5/6 and grade 1/2 students.

Emmett wondered about volcanoes so our grade 2's are investigating.

Kindy and Grade 3's learning about line together - integrating math and art!



MONDAY Family Games in the Library

We would like to invite any families who would like to join us for some Board Game Fun to come to our Family Game Afternoon in the Library. Each Monday from 2:45-3:45 we will be playing family style games: Uno, Pictionary, Origami, Board Games, Twister, etc. All students MUST come with their parent. Please enter through the back doors by the library. Thank you Swatti for organizing this for our community - we are excited to see the connections being built.



School Focus and Learning Goals 2024/2025



Through our school belief statements found in the school calendar students and staff will:

- Understand and practice powerful reading and writing routines
- Develop and strengthen personal character attributes
- Create a caring community

Toys Stay Home Please

To ensure your child's toys and special trinkets stay safe and to minimize classroom and outside distractions, we ask that your children please keep their toys at home and not bring them to school.

Bell Schedule

8:25 am	Warning Bell
8:30 am	Class Begins
11:10 am	Lunch
12:07 pm	Class in session
1:30 pm	Recess
1:45 pm	Class in session
2:30 pm	Dismissal
2:45 pm	Supervision ends

"Take Care of Yourself, Others and Our School"

OUR STAFF!

Mrs. Sandra

Administrative

Assistant



STUDENT MEDICAL



It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of their child's medical condition.

If your child has a life threatening medical condition, there are medical forms that must be filled out. Epi-Pens, Asthma puffers and ALL medication must be kept in the school office - not in student backpacks.

Forms MUST BE COMPLETED EVERY YEAR. Please come to the main office or email ray@sd23.bc.ca to request medical forms.

Fav Hot Drink: Almond Milk Latte

Fav Salty Snack: Popcorn



Fav Pizza Toppings: Chicken & Spinach

Country I want to Visit: South Africa



THE HOT LUNCH PROGRAM IS BACK! Now taking orders on Munch-A-Lunch! New Vendors & New Food Options

- We are excited to announce that our Hot Lunch Program will be starting once again. First Hot Lunch will be Friday, October 4th! In order to receive the Hot Lunch each week, please order by end of day the Friday before (example: Order by end of Day Fri Sept 27 to receive Hot Lunch on Fri, Oct 4th)
- *New Vendors:* Fat Burger & Komo Sushi
- *New Menu Items* including: Butter Chicken with Rice, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Teriyaki Chicken with Rice, and many more.

NEW THIS YEAR: Wednesday Pizza Day (once a month)

All profits go to the PAC so our Raymer students can do fun things!

PARENTS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Hello PAC Parents - We're excited to announce that the hot lunch program is ready to launch - but we need your help!

We're looking for volunteers to handout lunches every Friday (when school is in session) and one Wednesday a month.

To select the dates that work with your schedule please login to your MunchaLunch parent profile and click Volunteer! Select your dates and click Save. Your selections are shown. If your availability changes, you can easily change your selections by unchecking and checking the dates listed. You will need to arrive at **11:20** on the Fresh Slice Pizza dates, and at **11:00** for all other vendor dates (Fat Burger, Marmalade Cat, Komo Sushi & Sunshine Market.)

To Login: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

This is a wonderful opportunity to support our school community! Whether you can volunteer for one day or multiple, your help will make a big difference!

Many thanks,
Kate van Kesteren, PAC Co-President
Janelle Brandson, PAC Lunch Program Coordinator / Lunch Lady Queen



NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, November 26th @ 6 pm in the library.

SEPT 30

NATIONAL DAY
FOR TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION



There will be
no school
on Sept. 30
to honour
this day.

Orange Shirt Day for Raymer Sept. 27

Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's story in her own words... I went to the Mission for one school year in 1973/1974. I had just turned 6 years old. I lived with my grandmother on the Dog Creek reserve. We never had very much money, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission school. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had string laced up in front and was so bright and exciting – just like I felt to be going to school! When I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt! I never wore it again. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine! The color orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying and no one cared.

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION DAY, WEAR AN **ORANGE SHIRT**
ON SEPTEMBER 27th and 30th.

OPEN HOUSE - SEPT. 26 English as a Second Language Families

We welcome you to Raymer and hope you can join us at our Open House. Translators will be available from 4:30 - 5:30 to assist in communication. Please come to Room 11 to connect with your translator and meet our new ELL teachers - we will meet you there!



Student Safety

Please remind your children to refrain from picking anything up on our playgrounds/fields, especially if the object looks unsafe or unfamiliar. Rather, students should let an adult staff member know about the object and if necessary, the adult can then safely dispose of it. Our School District continues to take the following actions to enhance student safety on-site:

- Contacting and consulting with the RCMP if needed
- Ongoing evening security patrols
- Video surveillance signage
- Daily checking of both adventure playgrounds, sidewalks and surrounding areas each morning

Peanut and Tree-Nut Allergy Aware School

Please do not bring **Peanuts, Tree-Nuts**
or products made with **Peanuts**
or **Tree-Nuts** into this school.

This includes Nutella



Please wash hands.

Clean hands help you to stay healthy
and keep your friends safe.

Thank You!

Parking Around Raymer

There is no doubt parking is congested around Raymer. A few things to remind you:

1. On Tutt Street please have your children cross at the crosswalk ONLY - there are two options available to you based on where you have parked.
2. Please do not park in the neighbourhood business area parking stalls - these are reserved for clients only.
3. Our staff parking lot is extremely full - please find alternate spots to drop off or pick up your child.



WELCOME BACK BBQ

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26

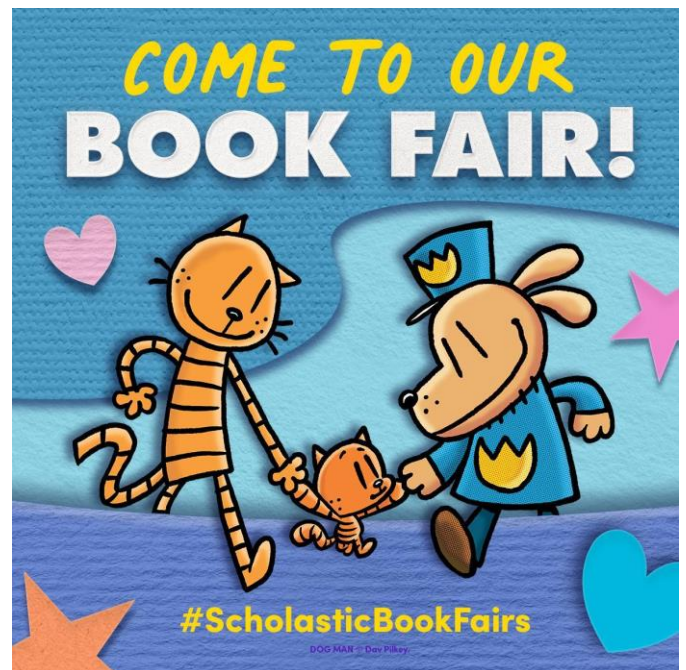
4:30 - 5:30 Open House: Meet your child's teacher
and see their classroom

5:30 - 6:30 Join the BBQ outside!

**BEEF OR
VEGGIE
HOT DOGS**

**\$3.00 per person
Meal Deal
CASH ONLY**

**CHIPS
and
JUICE**



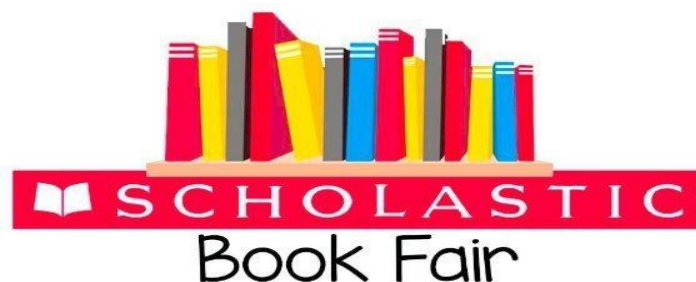
JOIN US AT THE BOOK FAIR!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 12:30 - 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 8-9 AM AND 12:30-1:30 PM

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest children's book. This is a fundraiser brought to you by Raymer Elementary school as a way to obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms. You can also enter to win \$50 in books- \$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom! We will be sending home a Book Flyer that provides a preview of a few of the hundreds of quality books available to purchase at your Fair.

Please enter through the side library door! We are looking forward to seeing you at the Scholastic Book Fair. We will be accepting cash and credit.



PLEASE REMIND STUDENTS OF BIKING AND WALKING TO SCHOOL SAFETY



Raymer Elementary

Parents are encouraged to read this to their kids to teach them about getting to school

KIDS, BE STREET S.M.A.R.T.!

SIDEWALKS:

Use sidewalks! Stay on the inside edge, and stand away from the edge when you want to cross the street. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic so that you can see oncoming vehicles.

MUSIC:

If you are listening to music, remove one earpiece while crossing the street or walking in your neighbourhood, so you can hear the traffic around you.

ATTENTION:

Watch out for moving vehicles backing out of driveways, back alleys, and in parking lots.

ROAD CROSSING:

Always cross at an intersection or crosswalk. To cross safely, make eye contact with the drivers in all lanes to make sure they are stopped.

TEAM UP:

It's safer and more fun to walk to school with family or friends and good exercise too.

Neighborhood Safety Tips

TRANSIT Parents and children can take a bus route together a few times before the kids go solo. Ask the bus driver if you have questions.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

Team up with another parent or neighbor to share the responsibilities of walking to and from school. If students are older, encourage them to walk with friends or older siblings.

AWARENESS AND INDEPENDENCE

Teach your children how to stay safe by identifying friendly neighbours or safe public places. Warn them about high traffic areas or corners that might hide hazards. Exploring and teaching kids about your community and city at a young age are lessons that will help them travel safer.



Park & Walk

Families who are unable to walk all the way to school can still contribute to improved traffic safety and healthy schools. Park at your school's designated area or, park legally on a street away from the school. Walk the last few blocks with your children, allowing them to enjoy a little extra active time outdoors.

Parents are welcome to start a Walking School Bus program, check with Raymer Elementary for more details.

S.U.P.E.R. Bike Safety

Practice these bike safety tips at all times when riding your bike!

Signs: Use your hand signals when riding your bike and obey traffic signs.

Use caution: Leave space when riding next to parked cars and watch out for doors swinging open. Wear light or bright coloured clothing, bike lights and reflectors, so you can be easily seen.

Protection: Wear your helmet when riding your bike - it's the law.

Eye contact: Make eye contact with other road users (drivers and pedestrians) to improve safety for everyone.

Right hand side: Ride your bike single file and as far to the right hand side of the road as possible. Use bike lanes if they are available.



**Parents...
please drive
safely when
dropping off
or picking up
your children.**



Partners for inclusive Education (PIE) is a welcoming online space committed to supporting parents/guardians to learn more about the how students with neurodiversity, disability, support needs and/or diverse abilities are supported in their neighborhood school.

PIE is a space where parents/guardians, staff and community come together as partners to champion inclusive education by learning and supporting each other as we navigate the school years together. We connect virtually five times a year offering workshops, speakers, and opportunities to connect with other parents/guardians.

The purpose of Partners for Inclusive Education can be found on the School District website under Parent Resources

Next Event Date:

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: September 17, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Topic: "Your Child's Team... Who is Who?" "The first few weeks of school," "How to Prepare for your Child's IEP."

Location: Zoom: <https://us23.zoom.us/j/8569381842>



Kelowna

Fall Registration Open!



New location & time!
Willow Park Church
Fridays & Saturdays

www.ecocooks.org/registrationkelowna

Westhoops Presents BASKETBALL 3X3 FALL LEAGUE

SCAN



OCT-DEC
1ST-5TH

TUES & THURS
6-8 PM

REGISTRATION
\$280-\$320

NOW
SHOWING

Boys Ages 8-14 Girls
Be a part of the action!

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



F.A.C.T.

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER

DATES & TIMES

THURSDAYS, 5:30-7:30 PM

OCT. 3
OCT. 10
OCT. 17
OCT. 24
OCT. 31
NOV. 7

ABLE TO SERVE 80 PEOPLE

DESCRIPTION

COME FOR A BALANCED MEAL, COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS, AND SOME ACTIVITIES IN THE GYM!

SIGN UP - SCAN
QR CODE OR SIGN
UP AT THE
RUTLAND CLUB!



LOCATION:
MARTIN AVE BGCO CLUB
1434 GRAHAM ST,
KELOWNA



FACT GIVES FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER THROUGH SHARING A MEAL TOGETHER AND ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS