



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RAYMER



March 17th - April 4th

"The Sky's the Limit"



WE ARE SO PROUD!



All the staff would like to congratulate our Ravens on a very successful term 2. We are so proud of their growth as learners and their contributions to our school community. We look forward to a positive final term of the 2024-2025 school year!

Monday March 17 - Friday March 28
SPRING BREAK

WEEKLY PREVIEW

Monday March 31

- **FIRST DAY** back!



Tuesday April 1

- Fruit and Veg Program - Cucumbers

Wednesday April 2

- Purdy's Fundraiser Order Deadline
- **Hot Lunch WED: Fresh Slice Pizza**

Thursday April 3

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Friday April 4

- **Hot Lunch FRI: Komo Sushi**

MOVIE NIGHT!

A huge **THANK YOU** to the **PAC** for hosting another fun Movie Night! We so appreciate your hard work and involvement in supporting our school! We also want to express our big gratitude and thanks to the Independent Grocer who donated all the snacks for the event!



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to our 9 Ravens who we got to celebrate their **Perfect Attendance (No Lates & No Absences)** with a Pizza Party this week. WAY TO GO !

- Julianna
- Kenzie
- Giselle
- Kymani
- Sean
- Liam
- Hannah
- Madison
- Raiden



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

"Take Care of Yourself, Others and Our School"

ARE YOU MOVING?



If you know you are moving before September 2025 and your child will NOT be attending Raymer in the fall, please call the office at (250) 870-5125 to let us know. After Spring Break we begin to plan for September and this information will assist in our preparation.

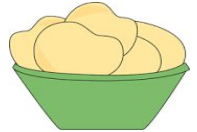
OUR STAFF!:

Jody Crumb

Teacher - Grade 2



Fav Animal: Porcupine



Fav Salty Snack: Plain Chips

Favourite Hot Drink: London Fog



Fav Sports Team: BC Lions



E.L.F.F. NIGHT

Date: April 24th, 2025 **Time:** 4:00-5:30 pm **Where:** Raymer Elementary

For Who: 3 to 5 year old children and their parent/guardian to support our early learners and their transition to school.

Register Here: [\(RAYMER ELEMENTARY ELFF\)](#)



Dress Like any Holiday!



The PAC is thrilled to announce our latest fundraiser:

Easter Purdy's chocolates!



With your support, the PAC aims to help the school purchase house team color t-shirts for the school.

The order deadline is **11:59 PM on Wednesday, April 2nd.**

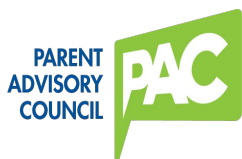
Please browse the delicious Easter chocolate selections here:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1384979-128281> (Please note you may need to copy and paste the link).

The chocolates will arrive at Raymer between April 10th and 15th and will be sent home with students. If you prefer to pick up your order from the school, please email us in advance at Ray.Pac@sd23.bc.ca to let us know.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Raymer PAC Team



HOT LUNCH



- Every Friday is Hot Lunch!
- **1 Wednesday per Month (Special Pizza Hot Lunch)**

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



PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- We need parent volunteers to help with a variety of PAC run events and activities
- More Volunteers = More Events for our Raymer Community
- Contact ray.pac@sd23.bc.ca to volunteer.

NEXT PAC MEETING:

Tuesday, April 29th @ 6 pm in the library.

Return-It Express Bottle Depot – Ongoing Fundraiser

Updated phone number for the Raymer PAC Return-It Express Donations: **250-870-5125**

It is so simple! No counting! No sorting! Simply bring your donation in a clear plastic bag to any of the Return-It Express locations:

- Kent Rd (Near Landmark district)
- St. Paul St (Downtown)
- Dease Rd (off Leathead Rd)

Find the express kiosk, enter the phone number, print as many labels as bags you have, label your bag(s), and leave them behind! They do the rest. The funds will be transferred to the Raymer PAC's bank account automatically! For more info: <https://www.return-it.ca/express/about/>

Thank you for continuing to support!

donations help us fund important school programs and fun field trips!



This week in Mrs. Woodruff's Class - Gr 4&5

March has been a busy and exciting month in The Coop! We have worked hard across all subjects, exploring new concepts, engaging in hands-on learning, and strengthening our classroom community. Here's a look at what we've been up to:



Literacy: In reading, we have been focusing on our connection reading skills and identifying the key ideas in the text. We are wrapping up our novel study of *The White Jade Tiger*, which highlights the treatment of Chinese immigrants, the Head Tax, the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and more. In writing, we have been practicing our instructional writing by giving directions and then having another classmate try to reach the goal by only listening to the instructions.

Math: Our class has been developing our number sense by working with decimals, multiplication strategies, and problem-solving skills. We've also been exploring measuring and baking as ways to apply our math skills. Students are encouraged to explain their reasoning and their work to strengthen their understanding.



Science & Social Studies: In science, we have been investigating the properties of matter and experimenting with mixtures and solutions. Students have enjoyed hands-on activities that bring these concepts to life! In social studies, we have been exploring landforms and physiographic features and created our own countries.

Art: Our class looked at an artist in the spotlight, Charles McGee. We examined his life the positive impact he had through his art. We then created art inspired by his work.



Classroom Community: We continued to practice empathy, respect, perseverance, and kindness. We focused on empathy and reflected on how we have shown empathy to others and how others have shown empathy to us. In the spirit of Backwards Day, Ms. Woodruff became the student while the students took turns being the teacher, making for a fun role-reversal experience!

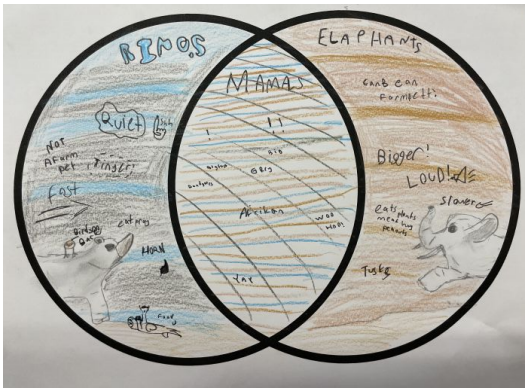
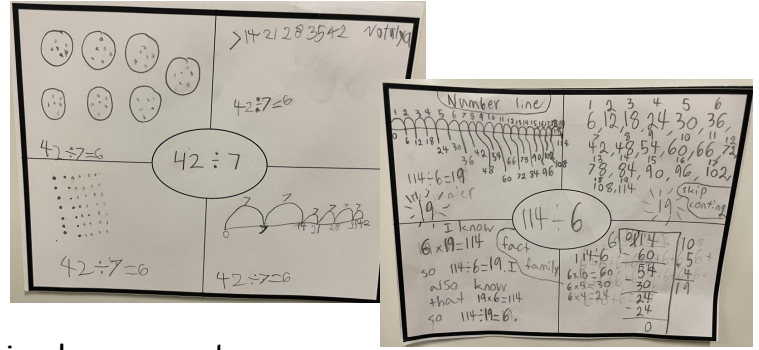
Thank you for your continued support at home. We look forward to another great month of learning and growth in The Coop!



This week in Mrs. Rossi's Class - Gr 4&5

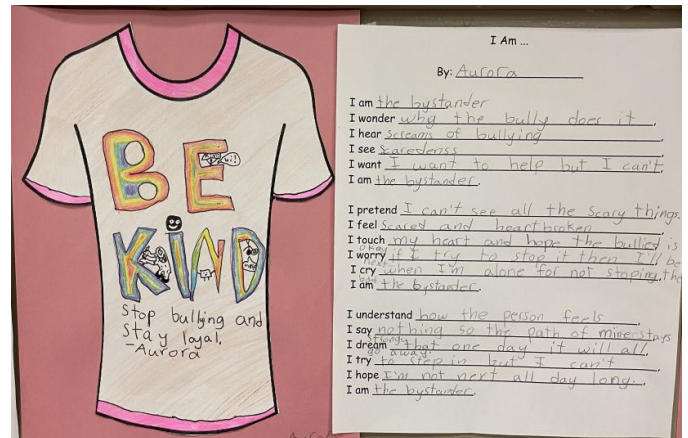
It has been a wonderful couple of weeks in our grade 4/5 class! Here are some of our highlights:

Students have been working hard on learning and practicing division strategies, demonstrating their understanding in various ways. They selected a division equation and explored multiple methods to solve it. Some strategies included using pictures, repeated subtraction on a number line, skip counting, arrays, fact families, and applying multiplication to tackle problems involving larger numbers.



Our class has also continued to work on their first comparison writing piece, choosing two animals to compare. We have discussed the structure of comparison writing and vocabulary used to describe similarities and differences. We also looked at the structure of a paragraph and have learned that a paragraph is like a hamburger with a topic sentence, details and a concluding sentence! Students also worked on creating a text feature to complement their writing!

I also want to highlight our class's powerful poem writing from a couple of weeks ago relating to Pink Shirt Day. After a discussion about Pink Shirt Day, students had to choose to put themselves in the shoes of the bullied, the bully, the bystander or the brave. We discussed the use of repetition in poetry and the emotions and thoughts of individuals in each of these roles. Students did an excellent job at using powerful words and phrases to convey the feelings, worries and hopes from these perspectives.



A final highlight is our class's science learning this week. We have been learning about the different body systems. This week, we looked into the digestive system! We completed a fun (and messy!) experiment to show the process of how food makes its way through our digestive system. Students had a lot of fun participating and identifying what parts of the bodies the materials represented!



PERSEVERANCE

Family Newsletter

PurposeFull
People

Perseverance Overview

This month is all about Perseverance. One way to think about Perseverance is "pushing yourself through challenges and obstacles." We all experience challenges in our lives. We all have moments when we feel like we can't do it or that we want to give up on a big task. It is important to develop tools that help us work through those challenges in order to grow in those moments instead of giving up. How might you practice Perseverance as a family this month?

Perseverance is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Strong**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting.

Conversation Starters



- Can you share or show what it means to have Perseverance?
- When working towards goals, how does Perseverance help us to reach them?

PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Perseverance. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!

#1

Consistency is hard. Have each person in the family commit to 1 thing they will do each day this week. Maybe it is flossing, drinking a certain amount of water, getting to bed at a certain time, limiting screen time, or exercising. Create a place where each person can tally their progress and see who can keep their streak going the longest!



#2

Review Perseverance as a family! Remember that Perseverance is pushing yourself to work through challenges and obstacles.

Here's a fun challenge: Can you fit your whole body through an index card? While it sounds impossible, with the correct folding and cutting technique, you can make it happen! Give each family member a 4x6 index card and a pair of scissors. Ready for the answer? You can find the directions and solution online by searching: "Fit Your Body Through an Index Card."



As we welcome the vibrant energy of spring, it's the perfect time to embrace change and growth within ourselves. Just as nature awakens after a long winter, we, too, can tap into new opportunities for fresh ideas, and untapped potential.

This month, we've been focusing on perseverance. With your child's recent learning updates, the upcoming break presents a wonderful chance to reflect on what you both want to achieve in the coming months. Setting clear intentions can help guide your efforts and provide direction. This theme of perseverance will tie in beautifully with next month's focus on cooperation!

Additionally, we found an insightful newsletter from Character Strong, offering step-by-step strategies to encourage perseverance. Be sure to check it out for some helpful tips!