



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RAYMER



Dec 16 - 20
"The Sky's the Limit"



WEEKLY PREVIEW

Monday December 16

- *Merry Monday-wear Red and/or Green*



Tuesday December 17

- *Santa's Workshop-wear Santa hat, Elf ears, reindeer antlers etc.*
- Business of Own Grade 6 Fundraiser - See Page 6

Wednesday December 18

- *Sweater Weather-wear your cutest or not so cute holiday sweater*
- Dress Rehearsal for Winter Concert
- Fiber Arts Club

Thursday December 19

- *Winter Concert - Afternoon and Evening Shows. Kids to wear their concert clothing!*

Friday December 20

- *Pancake & PJ Day*
- **Hot Lunch:** Sunshine



Upcoming Events

Dec 23: First Day of Winter Break
Jan 6: Back to School
Jan 10: Hot Lunch: Fresh Slice Pizza
Jan 16: PAC Movie Night

'Tis the Season for Togetherness at RAYMER Concert

Please join us in celebrating the winter season!

Students have been preparing songs, dances and presentations for you to enjoy as we head into our two week winter vacation.



When: Thursday December 19th

Where: Raymer Elementary Gym

Time: 12:30 pm OR 6:30 pm

Due to space concerns, we kindly ask you attend only one of the performances. We want to ensure adequate seating for everyone and do have limited space! Perhaps, grandparents who are not working in the day and would like to see the show could come to the afternoon showing.

For the evening performance:

- **Please have your child at the school between 6:00-6:10 pm**
- **School and Gym doors will open at 6:00 pm.**
- **Our front entrance and Tutt Street doors will be both open.**
- **Parents are invited to drop their children off at their classrooms and head into the gym.**
- **Please pick up children after the finale IN THEIR classrooms**

Please watch for messages from classroom teachers for individual classroom requests for the concert.

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"

PAJAMAS & PANCAKES!



We will be serving up **pancakes** and all the trimmings for lunch on Friday, December 20th for our Ravens! Whip cream, syrup and sprinkles - so fun! Please send additional snacks/food for them as well.



Today the ENTIRE Raymer community got to experience a holiday classic - The Nutcracker. I huge THANK YOU to Claire Fripp for this generous opportunity for our students!



FUN

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OUR STAFF!

Brittney Mann

Certified Education Assistant



Fav Sweet Treat: Chocolate

Fav Sports Team: Oilers

Fav Animal: Shark

How I Relax: Reading



Parkour Week at Raymer!



Decking Our Halls - House Team Door Decorating!



Winning Door will be Announced Next
Week!
These are just a few of our creations!



This Week in Mrs. Semmelink's Class

December has been an extra exciting month for our class with a special guest visiting us from the South Pole, a penguin we named Snowy. Each day, Snowy finds a new spot and activity to explore in our classroom. On Tuesday, he made the penguin art he is pictured with that we've been busy creating our own versions of in the class this week.



At the end of November, everyone drew and coloured one of their favourite winter memories. These were then hung up in our class windows to serve as a countdown to winter break. Every day in December, we reveal the "mystery artist" of the day who gets to share the story of their favourite winter memory with the class.



In our class, we try to embody the mindset of a scientist by being curious and observant as often as we can. Currently, we are learning about matter, physical and chemical changes. This week we made hypotheses for our experiment mixing pop and mints and observed a foamy 'explosion' as well as observed physical changes in melting and freezing chocolate to make a tasty white chocolate bark. Science is all around us, but I think our class' favourite type of science is when we can make it messy or yummy!



Like many of the classes at Raymer, we have been working like busy little elves preparing for the holiday season. We have been writing our holiday cards to our families, making gifts in art, crafting winter themed patterns in math, and practicing for our winter concert in music. We are excited to share our performance with you all!



Mrs. Semmelink

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM REMINDER



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support of the Hot Lunch Program! The profits from food sales directly benefit student programs and activities, making a positive impact on our school community.

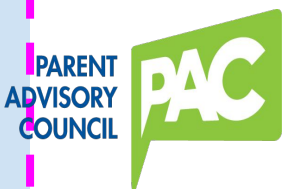
We would like to remind you that all orders or cancellations must be submitted in advance through the Munch-A-Lunch website. To ensure our vendors have adequate time to prepare, the order system closes at midnight on the Saturday prior to the following week's lunches:

- Friday's Lunch: Orders close the previous Saturday at midnight.
- Wednesday's Special Pizza Lunch: Orders close the previous Saturday at midnight.

This advance notice allows our vendors to order ingredients and schedule their staff to handle our often-large orders efficiently.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Sincerely, Your 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, January 28th @ 6 pm in the library.



Return-It Express Bottle Depot – Ongoing Fundraiser

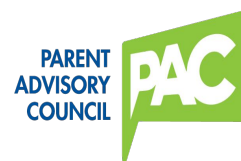
Updated phone number for the Raymer PAC Return-It Express Donations: **250-870-5125**

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!



Inspire Healthier BC Families in Kelowna Course:



This free 10-week course runs on Wednesdays from 6:30–8:30 PM, starting February 5th at the Parkinson Activity Centre. The program is designed for families with at least one child aged 8–12, and siblings aged 6, 7, or 13 are welcome to join as well.

The focus is on practical, fun activities that strengthen family connections while building valuable skills for both parents/caregivers and children to make lasting changes.

As well families who attend all sessions will receive \$150 in credits to use toward City of Kelowna recreational activities!

A Free 10 Week Program to Inspire Healthier BC Families in Kelowna!

Learn together about:

- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Screen time
- Sleep Routines
- Wellness



For families with at least one child ages 8-12
(One parent/caregiver must attend each week)

Online self-directed option is available for families outside of the age range

Program includes:

- Q&A's with health professionals
- A family cooking class
- Post program recreation credit based on attendance

Kelowna - Parkinson Activity Centre
Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm Feb 5 - Apr 23, 2025

Generation Health Community funding is provided by the BC Ministry of Health



Scan QR Code or Click Here to Register and Learn More



Support our Grade 6's with their Year End Fieldtrip to Green Bay



Tuesday, December 17: Business of Our Own Sales Day

Over the past few weeks, Mrs. Marino and Miss Gounder's classes have been learning how to build their own businesses. Through this program, students have developed and enhanced their skills in language and communication, numeracy and math, critical thinking, problem-solving, creative thinking, and decision-making.

The students will set up booths to sell Christmas ornaments, pictures, stuffed animals, laminated drawings, and more. All funds raised will contribute to the Grade 6 year-end field trip. The sales booths will be located in Mrs. Marino's classroom and the activity room on Dec 17. The booths will be open for parents from 11:45 AM to 12:10 PM, and students will visit the booths with their teachers from 12:10 PM to 1:30 PM. Prices for items will range from 50 cents to five dollars.