



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RAYMER



February 3rd - 7th
"The Sky's the Limit"



Parent/Teacher
Conferences

WEEKLY PREVIEW

Monday February 3

- **SCHOOL REGISTRATION @7.00 am for new families or students entering Kindergarten(see page 5)**
- **Boys Basketball Team Practice (Lunch)**

Tuesday February 4

- Fruit & Veg Program - Pears
- Art Club @11:10

Wednesday February 5

- **Girls Basketball Team Practice (Lunch)**
- Fiber Arts Club @ 11:10

Thursday February 6

- **Boys Basketball Team Practice (Lunch)**
- **Fundraiser: \$5 Hot Dog Lunch Combo**
- **EARLY DISMISSAL @12.30 PM - Parent/Teacher conferences**

Friday February 7

- **Boys & Girls Basketball Team Practice 7:45 am**
- UBC Nursing Lessons - Brunn/McKay/Rossi/Gounder/Meyers/Pullar/Woodruff
- **EARLY DISMISSAL @12.30 PM - Parent/Teacher conferences**

Upcoming Events

Feb 14: Pro-D Day - **NO SCHOOL**
 Feb 17: Family Day - **NO SCHOOL**
 Feb 21: Rotary Center/Art Gallery Field Trip -Tidy/Liebel/Koch (Gr.3)
 Feb 25: PAC Meeting @6 pm
 Feb 26: **PINK SHIRT DAY**
 Feb 26: Cultural Performance - Duffle Bag Theater
 Feb 26: Grade 3 Swimming Field Trip
 February 28: SPIRIT DAY - Backwards Day



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

Dear Raven Families,

Parent teacher conferences will take place on **Thursday February 6th and Friday February 7th**. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 PM on both days.

We are excited to host family conferences! Your children have grown as learners this year and we are excited for them to share their growth with each of you! We are also excited to host 2 different drop in information sessions for parents in the library: one of how to support your child as a reader and one to support your child's social emotional needs. More info to come next week.

At this point you should have heard from your child's teacher. Please reach out directly to them if you have not.

Our daily schedule for these days will remain the same. Students will have play time outside and will also have an opportunity to eat their lunch, so please make sure to pack one. As always, if the timing of the conferences does not work for you please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative meeting time.

We look forward to connecting with all of our Raymer families to celebrate the growth of each student as well as to set goals for future success!



Hot Dog Lunch Combo

Bring \$5 for a special
Hot Dog Lunch Combo
on Thursday February 6th

****CASH ONLY****



Funds raised will be used to buy team shirts for our house teams.



2025-2026 School Registration!

Monday, February 3rd,
2025

@ 7:00 am

For Kindergarten and New Students only



Kindness Kick Off!

Kindness is a simple yet powerful way to make the world a better place. In our school community, small acts of kindness can brighten someone's day, whether it's a smile, a helping hand, or just offering a listening ear. Being kind doesn't require grand gestures – it's the everyday moments of compassion that create an atmosphere of respect and support for everyone.

Over the next 9 days, Raymer students will reflect on their acts of kindness and express gratitude toward their peers by writing what they've done or what others have done for them on paper strips. These strips will be linked together to form a 'Kindness Chain,' beginning at the school entrance. We hope to see it grow all the way to the exit!

Let's make kindness our goal this year, spreading positivity and encouraging others to do the same.

Cultural Performance (Rhythm Resource)



Spirit Day: Dress Like a Superhero!



OUR STAFF!

Sara Liebel
Grade 3 Teacher



Fav Colour: Yellow

Fav Way to Relax: Hiking, camping, walking

Dream Vacation: Europe

Fav Ice Cream: Cookie Dough



IMPORTANT DATES

- **MON Feb 3:** School Registration
- **THURS Feb 6:** Early Dismissal @12.30 pm
- **FRI Feb 7:** Early Dismissal @12.30 pm
- **FRI Feb 14:** Pro-D Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- **MON Feb 17:** Family Day - **NO SCHOOL**



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/>

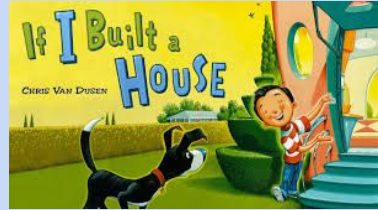
Thank you for continuing to support!
donations help us fund important school programs and fun field trips!



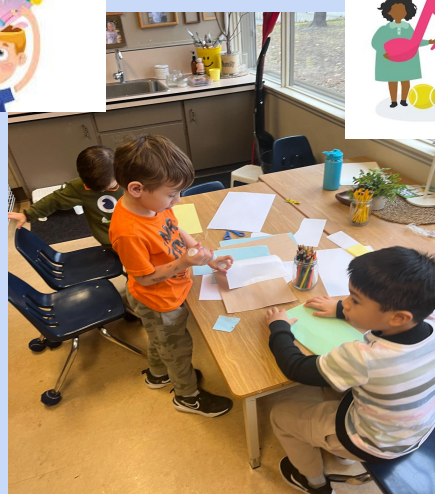
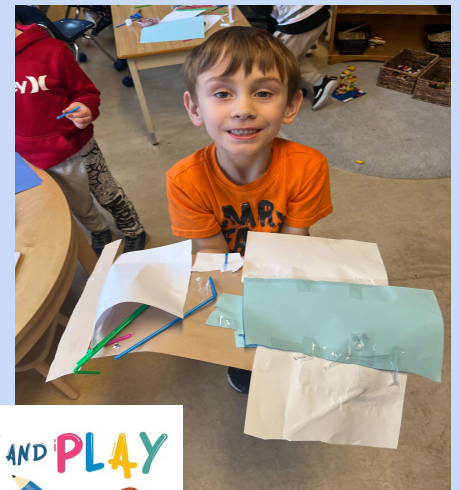
TEAM Kindergarten

Mrs. Meyer's Class

Kindergarten Play Based Learning



One of the most exciting parts of Kindergarten is getting to learn and explore through play. Recently during our literacy time we practiced using our imaginations to help us come up with ideas for writing. We first got some inspiration from the book "If I Built a House" written by Chris Van Dusen. Then we let our imaginations flow as each student got to draw, then write about what they would have in their own house, or room, if they could design their own. Finally, students got the opportunity to build their own house using building materials of their choice. It was so exciting to see the students work together to build their homes and castles and to hear them excitedly plan and talk things out as they worked with each other.



Through our play we are able to work on building our literacy skills, develop our numeracy foundations, explore the arts and sciences and build communication and problem solving skills as well as make friendship connections. All of this helps us grow into confident, curious, and capable learners.

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00 am for 2025 - 2026 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide support to parents that require assistance.

Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 14, 2025

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)470-3258

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.*

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7:00 am. Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school in person or by email by **Friday, March 14, 2025**.

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of supporting documentation below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation below.
3. **Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, August 28, 2025

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2025, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2025. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.

The enrollment application period begins **Monday February 3rd, 2025 (beginning at 7:00 am online) – Friday, March 14th, 2025.**

The Summer Enrollment Application period begins: **Tuesday, August 26th, 2025, to Thursday, August 28th, 2025.**



Partners for Inclusive Education

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 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: January 21, 2025

Topic: "My Booklet BC" Toolkit. A helpful tool to support families to support transition to adulthood, planning for their child. Presented by the Family Support Institute.

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom: <https://isd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>

Sign up to receive TEXT
message updates.



- Text "Y" to 978338
- Make sure the Raymer office has your cell number.
- Let us know if you need any help setting this up.