



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RAYMER



September 9th - 13th
"The Sky's the Limit"



WEEKLY PREVIEW

Monday September 9

- Student Verification Forms Go Home
- School Calendars Go Home
- Fruit & Veggie Program Forms Go Home
- Kindergarten AM only 8:30-11:30

Tuesday September 10

- Kindergarten AM only 8:30-11:30

Wednesday September 11

- Kindergarten Full Day 8:30-2:30

Thursday September 12

Friday September 13

- Student Verification Forms & Fruit & Veggie Forms due

Upcoming Events

Sept. 16 - First day for StrongStart
Sept. 18 - **Terry Fox Run**
Sept. 24 - Picture Day
Sept. 25 - Fire Drill
Sept. 26 - Parent Teacher Conferences - 12:30 dismissal - BBQ Meet and Greet
Sept. 27 - Parent Teacher Conferences - 12:30 dismissal
Sept. 30 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - No School



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

Welcome Back Raymer!

I would officially like to welcome all students, parents and staff back for an exciting up and coming school year at Raymer Elementary! We have enjoyed hearing all about our Ravens' summer adventures and the highlights of their vacation.

As you know, our students moved into their new classes yesterday afternoon so we are excited to begin a year of wonder, learning, and play - all circled in 'togetherness' - our district theme. We look forward to meeting you all, getting to know our new students and welcoming our youngest learners in the building!

A huge "Raymer Rave" to Mrs. Rosales and Ms. Rangel, our custodians, and Mrs. Ng, our administrative assistant, who worked tirelessly over the summer to ensure our school was ready for our September start up!

Here's to a great year! Go Ravens!

Mrs. Babcock



Medical Alert

If your child has a MEDICAL or LEGAL ALERT, please inform the office asap. 250-870-5125 or ray@sd23.bc.ca

Annual Terry Fox Run

Hi Ravens!

It is time for our annual Terry Fox Run and fundraiser for Cancer research. Please take some time this weekend to talk with your child(ren) about Terry Fox and the sacrifice he made in trying to find cures for cancer. Students are encouraged to bring in a small donation for this valuable cause. Remember any amount is greatly appreciated. We hope to match our donations from last year that were nearly \$675 dollars. We will collect until Wednesday, September 18. On that day we will also run/walk as a school around the back field.

Thank you in advance to the entire Raymer community for your kindness - your support truly makes a difference.
Mr. Fafard

"Take Care of Yourself, Others and Our School"

SAVE THE DATE

On Thursday Sept 26 the staff and PAC at Raymer will be hosting a welcome back BBQ dinner as part of our parent teacher conferences. More information to follow. We hope you can join us!



Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools 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. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness.

To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit [HERE](#)

Sorry, No Dogs Allowed

Dogs are not permitted on school property at any time, even on a leash. This is a health and safety issue where the School District must comply with both the Regional District of the Central Okanagan bylaw #366 and Division 1, part 107 of the Workers Compensation Act (WCB). By bringing dogs onto school grounds the health and safety is exposing students and staff to the hazards of dog bites, dog fights, and dog feces. Even if dog owners clean up messes, the residue can still be left on the grass where children play.



A big thank you to the Gary Bennett Family Fund! The family has generously donated money towards a breakfast program at Raymer.

Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Gary Bennett Family Fund.

Please do not send your child with food products containing nuts. Thank you for keeping our children safe. This includes Nutella.

Allergy Aware School



INFORMATION FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT 23

Appeals Procedure/Financial Hardship Language:

The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process

Board Policy 460 – Appeals states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools 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 (www.sd23.bc.ca).

The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause

Within Board Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see 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". Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states "Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve 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.



Central Okanagan
Public Schools

Together We Learn

Criminal Record Checks

We greatly value our volunteers in the classrooms, on field studies and at a variety of other events throughout the school year.

A Criminal Record Check (CRC) is required for all volunteers. They are valid for 4 years.

CRC Process:

1. Obtain CRC paperwork from the school office.
2. Complete and submit paperwork and supporting documents to the office (not RCMP).
3. The RCMP will process the CRC and return it to YOU via Canada Post mail.
4. You must bring the completed CRC to the Raymer office in order to be authorized to volunteer.

*** This process can take up to 6 weeks. ***

School Fees DUE NOW

School Fees (\$35) and Cultural Fees (\$10) can be paid through [School CashOnline](#). Instructions are on the last page. Please let us know if you need support.

MEET RAYMEE



Our students were excited to welcome Raymee back to another fun school year!

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE/LATE:

1. School Messenger **APP** on cell phone
2. **Website**
<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>
3. **Phone message.**
Call 250-870-5125, #1, follow prompts.
Emails to teachers will not be accepted.

If your child has an unexcused absence, you will receive a notification (phone call/e-mail) from School Messenger.

School Messenger HOW TO REGISTER:

SCHOOL MESSENGER-Safe Arrival Absence Reporting System - the Canadian APP

Please download the app shown below. To see a short video that explains how to enter absences and use school messenger, please visit our Raymer website www.ray.sd23.bc.ca. Then click on the "Parents" tab and then click on School Messenger-Safe Arrival Absence Reporting System tab



Attendance/Lates

Attendance is a key contributor to success at school. We kindly ask that you help support this success by ensuring your child arrives to school on time. The first ten minutes of the morning are critical times in getting settled and organized for the day and truly sets a tone for learning. Please support our students by ensuring they are here and lined up at their morning meeting spot between 8:20-8:25. Teachers meet their students shortly after with the goal to be in class by 8:30. Our first bell rings at 8:25. Thank you for your support!



MAKE SURE TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL MESSENGER

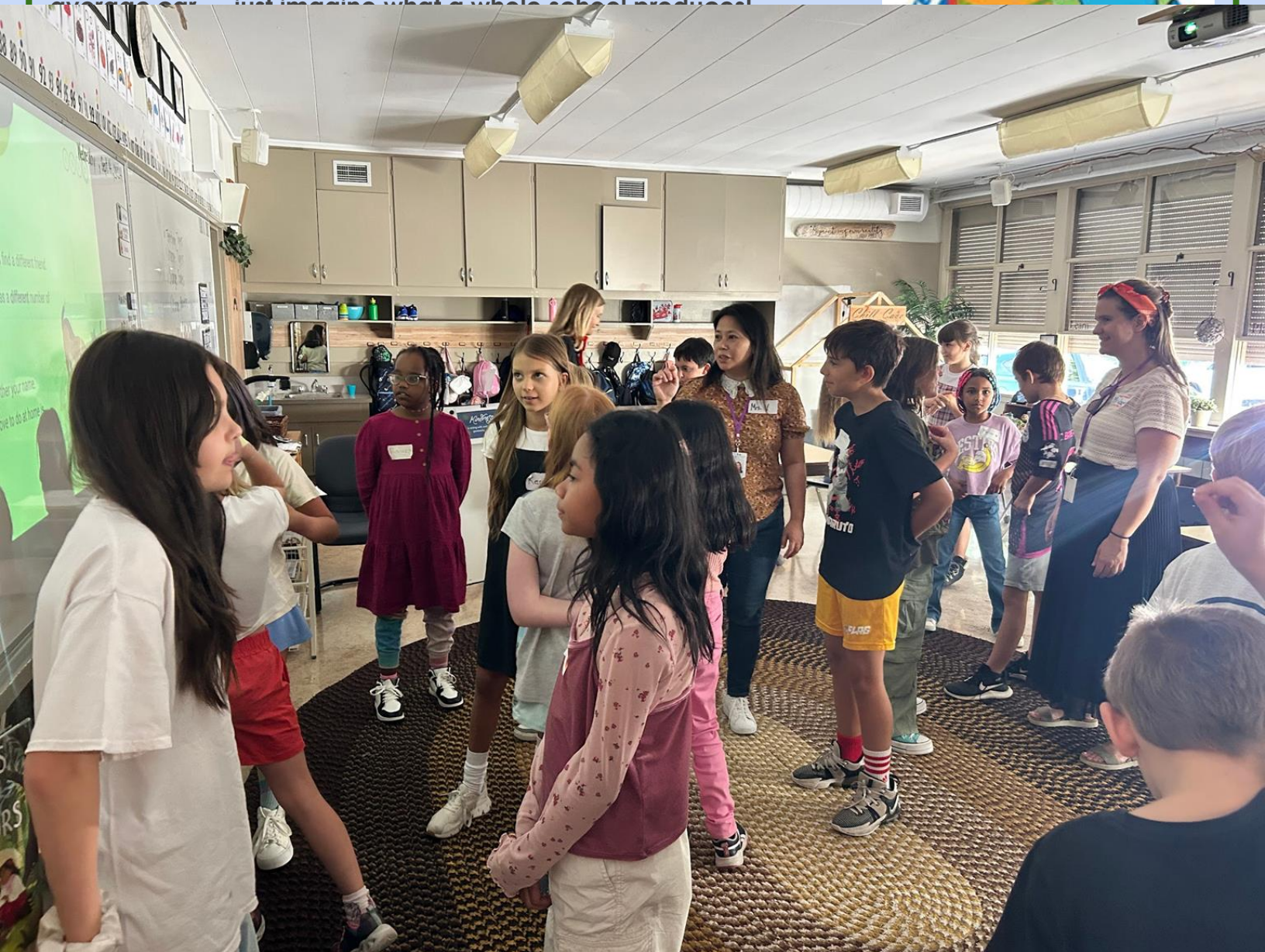
This will ensure you receive important school information and weekly Parent Memos like this one!

Important

Sign Up Now

Raymer is Going GREEN with LITTERLESS LUNCHES

Litterless lunches at school are the best form of recycling. On average, a school-age child with a disposable lunch generates approximately 30 kg (67 lbs) of waste per school year. That means that if your child has 25 students in his/her class, they are producing 737 kg (1,625 lbs) of waste each year. This is more weight than the average car. Just imagine what a whole school produces!



YEAR at a GLANCE

Days in session:	190 (3 summer Pro Days August 26-28)
Number of days of instruction	183
Total number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open (8:30 am – 11:00 am) Early Dismissal	Tuesday, September 3
Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm)	Thursday, September 26
Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm)	Friday, September 27
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)	Monday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day (students do not attend)	Friday, October 11
Thanksgiving Day (school closed)	Monday, October 14
Teacher Professional Day (students do not attend school)	Friday, October 25
Remembrance Day (school closed)	Monday, November 11
Term One Report Card (Written Learning Update)	Thursday, December 12
Winter Vacation Period (schools is closed)	December 23 – January 3
Schools re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6
Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal at 12:30 pm)	Thursday, February 6
Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal at 12:30 pm)	Friday, February 7
Teacher Professional Day (students do not attend)	Friday, February 14
Family Day (school closed)	Monday, February 17
Term Two Report Card (Written Learning Update)	Thursday, March 13
Spring Vacation Period (schools closed)	March 17 – March 28
Schools re-open after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 31
Good Friday (school closed)	Friday, April 18
Easter Monday (school closed)	Monday, April 21
Victoria Day (school closed)	Monday, May 19
Term Three Report Card (Written Learning Update)	Thursday, June 26
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 27

The Central Okanagan School District's Sanctuary Schools Policy

Board Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools upholds the Board's commitment to providing educational opportunities for all students who are ordinarily residents in the Central Okanagan, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status. Student registrations that pertain to Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools will be processed through the Welcome Centre.

Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%204%20%20Students/421.pdf>

Welcome Centre

[http://www.welcomecentre.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/="](http://www.welcomecentre.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

How to Sign Up to School Cash Online

For safety and efficiency reasons, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) are reducing the amount of cash and cheques coming into our district. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying online.

Step 1: Register

Please go to

<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com>

And select the "Get Started Today" button

Complete each of the three Registration steps:

- Enter your first and last name
- Enter your address and email
- Enter a password & security question
- Click yes for emails

Password requires 8 characters (capital, lowercase and number)



Step 2: Email

You will receive the following email:

Please click the link below to confirm your email address.

<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/Registration/ConfirmConfirmationEmail/09ac89f9-a796-4720a494-5fe1a71a90a7> If the link doesn't work, copy the link and paste it into your web browser.

Step 3: Find a Student

- Leave as Central Okanagan School District;
- Choose your student's school;
- Click "I don't have a student number" if not already checked;
- Enter student's first & last name & birthday;
- Click the calendar & chose your student's year first, then month & day;
- Choose your relationship, agree to terms & press continue;

Step 4: Support

Contact support at 1.866.961.1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com

Central Okanagan Public Schools

Updated Restrictions for Cell Phones and Personal Digital Devices.

In accordance with the new requirements from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, schools across our district have updated their Student Code of Conduct to include the restricted use of cell phones and personal digital devices during school hours effective July 1, 2024.

Our School Code of Conduct has been revised to reflect the new requirements regarding cell phone use in schools accordingly.

SD#23 Central Okanagan Public Schools

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT SECTION

Responsible Student Use of Personal Digital Devices, School Technology, and District Network Services

Student use of personal digital devices (any device used to communicate and/or access the internet), school technology, and district networks at school is for educational purposes.

Students must abide by the school's Code of Conduct and procedures, as well as Central Okanagan Public Schools Policy 486: Student Use of Network Services and Digital Technologies.

Students will:

- Secure, power off and store personal digital devices during instructional (i.e. class time) and non-instructional time (i.e. breaks/lunch) at Elementary schools unless instructed by the Principal or school staff;
- Use personal digital devices during instructional time for instructional purposes and digital literacy skills as instructed by the Principal or school staff;
- Ensure personal digital devices are not used in areas where privacy is expected, such as restrooms and change rooms;
- Be permitted to use personal digital devices to support accessibility, accommodations, medical and health needs;
- Always take precautions to ensure online safety, privacy, and security;
- Treat others with respect and kindness when using digital devices and district network services;
- Always use digital devices and district network services responsibly and with academic integrity.

Schools will ensure that all students have equitable and developmentally appropriate access to technology to meet curricular requirements. Students are not required to have their own personal digital device or cellphone at school.

The use of personal digital devices, school technology, and district networks is a privilege. Staff may revoke a student's access to devices because of inappropriate student conduct.

Violations of the school code of conduct could result in appropriate restorative processes or disciplinary actions including suspension and police intervention.

As part of our commitment to help our students develop digital citizenship, our educators will continue teaching our students how to use their personal digital devices and technology in a responsible and respectful way. We ask that you support our staff and discuss these new restrictions with your child before the upcoming school year. If parents/caregivers need to contact their child during the school day, they should call the school office.

On a related note, the school is not responsible for lost, missing, or damaged personal digital devices that students choose to bring to school.