

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RAYMER

April 21 - April 25

"The Sky's the Limit"



WEEKLY PREVIEW

Monday April 21

- **NO SCHOOL** - *Happy Easter!*



Tuesday April 22

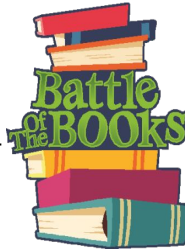
- Primary Soccer Club @11:10
- **Earth Day** Book Swap - Grade K-2 (see pg 2)
- Virtual Field Trip: Sustainable Instruments - Woodruff

Wednesday April 23

- Fire Drill
- Cooperation Creation Assembly @9:50
- KLO Band - 12:10

Thursday April 24

- Field Trip: Battle of the Books to Casorso Elementary
- Field Trip: KF Centre For Excellence - Gounder/Slattery
- Chip Sale Fundraiser \$1.00
- **E.L.F.F** @4:00 - 5:30



Friday April 25

- **Spirit Day**: Dress like your fav animal
- KLO Visit for Grade 6 @9:30
- **Hot Lunch**: Happy Slice Pizza



Upcoming Events:

Apr 29: Vir Field Trip - Story Telling/Writing - Woodruff
Apr 29: PAC Meeting @6 pm
Apr 30: Class Photo Day

ARE YOU MOVING?

If you know you are moving before Sept 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.

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

Cooperation Challenge Assembly



Our next character trait learning focuses on cooperation. Today we kicked off our learning with a house team challenge. Using the book as inspiration, *It's Not a Box*, teams have been challenged to use their creativity to create something out of nothing. Today teams met to brainstorm their ideas and next week we will build and construct! It was a fun afternoon of team building, collaboration and cooperation!



Your stuff misses YOU too.



Our Lost & Found bins are overflowing! Please pop by before or after school next week (after Wednesday) to pick up some of your kids clothing. All unclaimed items will be donated on May 1st.

"Take Care of Yourself, Others and Our School"

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Bike helmets must be worn by all students who are biking, riding scooters or rollerblading to school. This is the law!
- All bikes must be locked up - please don't leave any bikes unlocked on school grounds.
- Please review Bike Safety Tips with your child(ren) - see below

EARTH DAY Book Swap - Grade K, 1 & 2 Tuesday, April 22nd



To celebrate **Earth Day** the Kindergartens, grade 1 and 2 students (Meyers, McKay, Brunn and Pullar) will have a **Book Swap**. Please look for children's books that you no longer read. They must be in good condition and age appropriate.

Your child will be given "Book Bucks" to use during the swap time to "purchase" books that have been brought by other students. Your child may or may not bring home the same amount of books they brought. This is to be inclusive to all families so that every child can bring back at least one book. Any leftover books will be placed on a table outside the next morning by the little playground for anyone to take as they please. Please bring your books to school by **Wednesday April 16th**.

OUR STAFF!

Anna Pullar

Teacher Grade 1&2



Fav Salty Snack: Old Dutch Ketchup Chips

Fav Hot Drink: Oat Milk Chai Tea Latte

Fav Animal: Elephant

Fav Place to Visit: Zambia

E.L.F.F. NIGHT REMINDER

Date: Thursday, April 24th, 2025
Time: 4:00-5:30 pm

McGruff and Scruff's

Bike Safety Tips

IMPORTANT REMINDER



Always ride with a friend.

Use a backpack to carry books and other stuff.

Wear bright clothes that people can see.

Keep a copy of your bike's registration and serial number.

Make sure your tires have enough air in them.

Always wear a helmet.



Look both ways for traffic.

Put reflectors on the front and back of your bike.

Lock up your bike.

Obey the rules of the road.



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CHIPS SALE!

THURSDAY
April 24
\$1.00

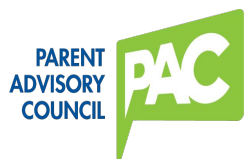
Thank you for supporting our school!





PAC MEETING

April 29th
@6:00 PM
Raymer Library



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!



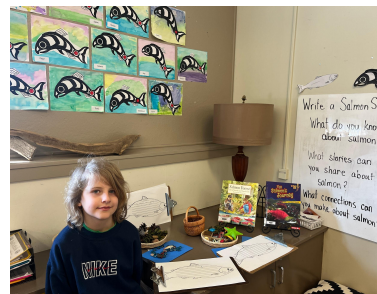
This week in Mrs. Koch's Class - Gr 2&3

A Week in April with the Willows

Perseverance and Responsibility



This week, we celebrated our students for showing perseverance and responsibility. After working together to meet class goals and agreements, they enjoyed a fun Mystery Reward and special day on Tuesday. Like Chief Salmon, Willow Community students work hard, push through challenges, and make great choices. We're so proud of their efforts and the positive learning environment they help create every day!



Inquiry

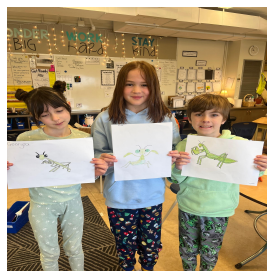


Students are continuing to explore the Four Food Chiefs. As we focus on Chief Salmon, we've been learning about important learner traits like perseverance and making connections to how we show these in our own lives. We've read stories, watched videos, and created art inspired by Chief Salmon's perseverance. Through this learning, we're discovering more about ourselves and each other.

Oskar shared, "Chief Salmon is important because he teaches us to learn and push through and never give up".

Jayden said, "I learn new things everyday and am a learner".

Muhammad said, "He is always ready, has a plan for everything and times things right. I try to do things at the right time like him".



THE PRAYING MANTIS GUEST

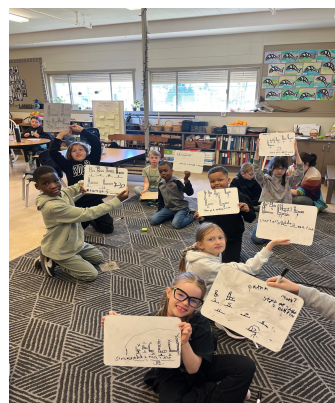


We're eagerly waiting for our Praying Mantis egg case to hatch! Once it does, we'll begin an exciting inquiry where we'll observe changes and build our scientific skills. For now, we've been using our "raccoon eyes" to carefully notice and observe any changes while it rests in its cage.

Solomon commented, "we are learning about praying mantis life cycles and how it's an insect. So far the egg sac is shiny and we are waiting for it to hatch. We are waiting to see what happens. Do you know it can take 2 to 10 weeks to hatch"?

Amy said, "we've learned a bunch of stuff like how females are bigger than males and farmers like them because they eat the bugs that eat their crop".

Georgia commented, "I used my raccoon eyes to see what changed. Today it looked a little shiner but hasn't cracked open yet".



Math



Grade 2

We can explore more complex repeating patterns.

We can identify and expand increasing patterns using manipulatives and numbers to 100.

David said, "when I see a bunch of things together I just make counting easier and faster like by counting by groups of 10. If it's a small amount I count by 2".

Grade 3

We can understand concepts of multiplication (e.g., groups of, arrays, repeated addition)

We can connect multiplication to skip counting, repeated addition.

Emilia said, "multiplication is easy because I can make adding easy by making groups like 5 groups of 2, I can add 5 two times".

Writing

In Writer's Workshop, students are learning how to write opinion pieces. They are practicing how to introduce a topic, clearly state their opinion, and give reasons to support it. They're also learning to use linking words like *because* and *also* to connect their ideas, and how to end their writing with a strong concluding statement.

Muhammad said, "we are writing to get better at writing always".

Nova said, "while we write, we keep in mind the person who is reading our writing".

Francis mentioned,, "we are sharing a strong opinion and giving reasons for it".

Georgia said, "we make it interesting with lots of reasons for the reader - those are the details we need".



Reading



In Reading Workshop, we are focusing on becoming more fluent readers and building our understanding of what we read. Students are practicing reading accurately, at a steady pace, and with expression—just like natural conversation. We use strategies like going back to reread, checking for understanding, and retelling stories during Guided Reading, Read to Self, and Reading Comprehension time. While Working With Words, we are reading new vocabulary, learning spelling patterns, and writing sentences to build fluency and strengthen sentence structure.

Emilia shared, "fluency is important so we know what we are reading and we don't read too fast. Reading is meant to be fun in the way we use our voice and we can change it when we are breathing properly and have time to understand".

Amy said, "it helps us to read with expression so it sounds good for who listens and we practice pausing at periods and commas".

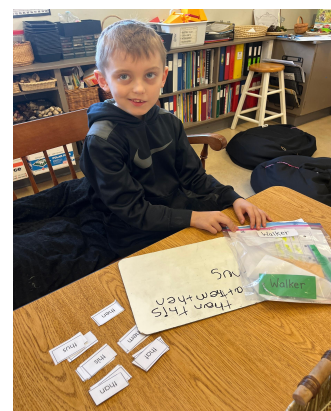
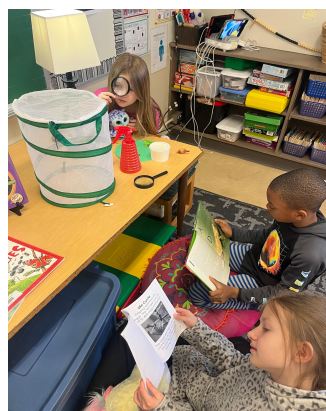
Muhammad and Jayden shared, "if we read fast, we don't understand what we are reading. We can catch our breath at the right time".

Georgia added, " and we don't lose our breath and it doesn't sound good for the reader".

Marley stated, "we were just learning about ce and how ce spells ssss".

Madison thinks, "ce is a really good one to know because the sounds might get mixed up. And I really want to know this one so I don't mix it up when I'm bigger".

Nova shared, "Read to Self is important because I read books of my choice and get better. Now I read menus when I'm out with my family independently".





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: April 22nd

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30pm

Topic: Celebrating Autism Awareness Month!

Meet Guests from schools and community who will share their stories!

Location: Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>



LIL' DUNKERS WESTKHOOPS

Practice
Tuesdays 5-6pm

Games
Saturday 9am-10am

5-8yrs

Season Starts
April 28-June 21

Have fun

**Make new
Friends**

**learn
fundamentals**

REGISTER NOW

SCAN ME



Fraser Valley
Chess Academy



Okanagan Valley
Chess Academy

WEST KELOWNA 2025 CHESS SUMMER CAMPS

📍 Okanagan Regional Library,
3731 Old Okanagan Highway, West Kelowna, BC

ENGAGING PUZZLE-
SOLVING CONTESTS

TOURNAMENT-STYLE
PRACTICE SESSIONS

ANALYSIS OF
GRANDMASTER GAMES

PERSONALIZED
FEEDBACK

\$250-\$395
Registration
Fee

Aug 11th to Aug 15th, 2025

Timings: 10am-4:30pm
Full & Half day Camps

Join for fun & creative indoor activities for KG and up



Participate
in our
Kokanee salmon
fry release!

Wonders of Water: A Hands-On Adventure

Mission Creek Regional Park
Saturday, May 3
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled family event to celebrate water!
Explore the park to find activity stations. Engage in
exciting learning experiences led by our incredible
STEAM community partners.
A free, all-ages drop in event.



Event partners:



City of Kelowna Summer Camps registration opens April 24.

Get ready for an unforgettable summer with the City of Kelowna's summer camps! Whether your child is a budding artist, a sports enthusiast, or loves to explore, we have a variety of full and partial day camps available at Parkinson Recreation Centre, as well as Canyon Falls Middle School, Bankhead Elementary, Watson Road Elementary, and more. See the [2025 Summer Camps at-a-glance](#) to help plan your summer of fun. Registration opens on April 24.

Learn more about spring programs and summer camps online now at kelowna.ca/recreation.



2025 Summer Camp Guide

Registration opens April 24

Register at kelowna.ca/recreation

2025 Licensed Summer Camps



City of Kelowna day camps offer an exciting week of gym games, crafts, outdoor play and an out-trip to the downtown splash park or Parkinson Rec Center for an afternoon of swimming!

Join our fantastic staff
for action-packed
weeks for kids K-12Y!

Weekly Camp Themes

June 30 - July 4* Oh Canada
July 7 - 11 Space Exploration
July 14 - 18 The Enchanted Forest
July 21 - 25 Gamer Week
July 28 - August 1 Art Attack
August 4 - 8* Water Splashdown
August 11 - 15 All About Sports
August 18 - 22 Best of the Best



Watson Road Elementary
475 Yates Road

**no care on Stat holidays*

July 7 - 11 Space Exploration
July 14 - 18 World Olympics
July 21 - 25 Myths and Legends
July 28 - August 1 Medieval Times
August 4 - 8* Cowboy Jamboree
August 11 - 15 Water Week
August 18 - 22 Bankhead's Got Talent
August 25 - 29 Camp Rewind



Bankhead Elementary
1280 Wilson Avenue

**no care on Stat holidays*

Registration opens Monday, May 5

Registration must be completed through the Program Manager. Please contact for more information.
Subsidy available!



Bankhead: bankheadkelowna@gmail.com



Watson Road: wraskelowna@gmail.com



The Strong Roots Centre

Childhood Connections

COLOURS FOR CARING 2025: FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY COLOUR RUN FUNDRAISER

DATE :MAY 25TH, 2025

TIME:11:00AM - 12:00PM

LOCATION: MISSION RECREATION PARK
4105 GORDON DRIVE, KELOWNA

» REGISTER
NOW!



THANKS TO AN
ANONYMOUS SPONSOR,
EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE
WILL BE MATCHED-UP TO
\$20,000.