



Robert Ogilvie Elementary School

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Sunday, February 26th, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Will we or won't we have spring and when will it arrive? That is the question today as I write this newsletter. The playground and parking lots are quite hazardous with lots of ice. Next week brings us higher temperatures, which will mean outside days, wet children, and slippery surfaces. It would be a good idea for students to wear splash pants, rubber boots, mitts and hats. Students may wish to pack extra clothes as slipping or falling may mean that they get soaked.

Term Two Report Cards: Term two report cards will go home on Tuesday, March 13th. Students will be on early dismissal days for Wednesday, March 14th and Thursday, March 15th. Students will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m. on each of those days. Parents who would like to meet with the classroom teacher in regards to report cards, are encouraged to call the teacher directly and make appointments for the early dismissal days. Our Term Two Awards assembly will be held on Friday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Registrations: Kindergarten registrations are being accepted for September 2018. Please advise family and friends living in our area of this information. We have two full classes registered so far. Parents need to bring birth certificates and immunization records when registering.

Family Friendly Community: Several community organizations have created a website that services families with young children in our region. It is a one-stop information source for everything from our early learning programs (Strong Start, Daddy and Me nights, etc.) to contacts for childcare, women's resources, community events, etc. We hope this will be a valuable resource for parents of young children who would like the opportunity to participate in free activities around Fort St. John. Please check out the website at:
<http://familyfriendlycommunity.ca/home>.

One Stop Community Registration: The community will be hosting a one stop registration for spring activities and sports on Saturday, March 10th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Totem Mall. Most organizations have their registration at this time. Families who may need financial assistance can apply for Kidsport. This organization will provide up to \$300/child for registration costs. Applications can be picked up at the school office or accessed on line at:
<http://www.fortstjohn.ca/kidsport-canada>. This is such a great way for families to increase physical activities for children.

North Peace Cultural Centre Programs: The North Peace Cultural Center offers **free art** programs for students 6-14 years old through Let's Art. These sessions are sponsored by the Peace Arts Gallery Society with the NP Cultural Center. The program runs through until June 22nd on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Children and youth will be introduced to the arts through medium explorations to create 2-D, 3-D and studio work. For more information please call the cultural center at (250)785-1992 or drop in to their facility and check it out.

The Aboriginal Education After School Program: runs on Thursday until 3:30 p.m. Currently they are making boxes and will start new activities in April. If your children are interested in attending, please contact Ms. Corderio at the school.

Walker Greenhouse Fundraiser: These fundraisers were sent home last week to support the Grade 6 farewell. Flowers and plants were of exceptional quality last year. This year, we will be offering gift certificates at \$50.00 and \$100.00. Plants, flowers and gift certificates make excellent gifts for friends and family. Products will be in just before Mother's Day. Please return the fundraiser by March 16th. Thank you for supporting our grade 6 students. An extra order form will be attached to this newsletter.

Sports Updates: Thank you to our basketball coaches, Mr. Gray (and family), Mr. Nowell, and Mr. Mackay for coaching our boys and girls this season. All students showed excellent sportsmanship and skill development. Badminton will start formally after spring break and students in grade 5 and 6 are encouraged to come out to the practices.

Variance Policy: As we begin to plan for September 2018, we need to remind families on a variance to Robert Ogilvie School that variances need to be renewed each year. Please find the District Policy for variance at: <http://www.prn.bc.ca/wp-content/variance-school-letter-Nov-2013.pdf>

We will be following the guidelines set forth in this variance policy. Please remember to request your variances early, as they will be considered by date of variance application. In order to plan for September, we would appreciate the bottom portion of this newsletter be completed and returned by March 16th if you haven't done so already this year.

Lost and Found: Our lost and found bins are overflowing! The contents of the lost and found are being displayed in the hallways for the next two weeks. If your child has lost any clothing, backpacks or containers, you will want to walk the halls. All items left after March 16th will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Proposed Calendar Amendments: Please see attached the proposed calendar for the remainder of this year and next year.

Office Reminders: Please make sure to notify the office when your child is home sick. This will help us streamline our Kid Check program. Please make sure to pay outstanding school supplies and school fees if you have not done so. We also ask that students who bring cell phones to school keep them stored in a secure place in the classroom. We are having many issues with cell

phones recently and want to remind students and parents that they are not for playing games or sending messages during instructional time. Cell phone are becoming more of an issue, particularly on inside day. Staff are reminding students that access must be supervised at all times. Please help us by discussing appropriate use of cell phones with your children.

Pink Shirt Day: We wear pink on Wednesday, February 28th in support of the national Pink Shirt Day. We have a few shirts left for purchase at the office. Drop in and see if we have one your size. The topic for Pink Shirt Day this year is cyber-bullying. This is an important topic for all students to learn and understand. Any device that can be used through social media can be used to receive cyber-bullying or send cyber-bullying. Educating your children on this topic is so important as they get older. Please feel free to attend our assembly at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

P.A.C. Update: Thank you to all families who are buying Panago Pizza coupons. It is a huge success. The next P.A.C. meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. Daycare will be provided.

We are in the final week before spring break. Here is hoping that the weather remains nice during the break so that we can get outside for some fresh air. School will begin after spring break on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Scheck
Principal
Robert Ogilvie Elementary School

Mr. Hunter MacKay
Vice Principal
Robert Ogilvie Elementary School

Please return this portion of the newsletter at your earliest convenience if you have not notified the school yet:

Name: _____

We will be moving and not attending Robert Ogilvie in the fall: _____ (please check)

We will be staying at Robert Ogilvie in the fall: _____ (please check)

My child/children are:

_____ grade: _____

_____ grade: _____

_____ grade: _____

Robert Ogilvie School Calendar for March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26 Pro D Day School Closed	27 PAC meeting @ 7 p.m.	28 Pink Shirt Day Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.	1 March	2
5 Assembly @ 9 a.m.	6	7	8	9 Mrs. Klassen and Mrs. Andersen skating 1-2 p.m.
12	13 Reports go home	14 Early Dismissal Day 1:40 p.m.	15 Early Dismissal Day 1:40 p.m.	16 Last Day Before Spring Break Term One Assembly @ 9 a.m.



Let's Art!

Let's Art is an after-school program for 6 to 14 year olds sponsored by Peace Arts Gallery Society and North Peace Cultural Centre.

The program will run from September 2017 to June 2018 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00pm.

At no cost, Let's Art! will introduce children and youth to the arts through medium exploration. The sessions are facilitated by qualified instructors with varied artistic backgrounds.

For more information call 250 785 1992

Tuesday: 2-D work
Introduction to drawing, painting, textile and collage.

Wednesday: 3-D work
Basic skill development in sculpture.

Friday: Studio day
These sessions will be an open studio day where students can come to finish a project or develop a piece on their own.

Sessions start on September 12, 2017 and run biweekly.

- Sep 12 - Sep 29
- Oct 3 - Oct 27
- Nov 7 - Dec 1
- Dec 5 - Dec 22
- Jan 9 - Jan 26
- Feb 6 - Feb 23
- Feb 27 - Mar 16
- Apr 3 - Apr 27
- May 8 - June 1
- Jun 5 - Jun 22



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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

February 20th, 2018

Parents &/or Guardians

Dear Parents &/or Guardians:

Please find the attached proposed amendments to the school calendar based on new calendar regulations.

If you have any questions or input, written submissions will be accepted at the School Board Administration Office to my attention until March 9th, 2018.

The calendar amendments are scheduled to be adopted at the March 12th Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Stephen Petrucci
Assistant Superintendent

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cc: Board of School Trustees, School District No. 60



School District No. 60 (Peace River North)
PROPOSED AMENDMENT to School Calendar
2017-18 & 2018-19

	2017-18	2018-19
School Calendar Information & Non-Instructional Days	District Dates	District Dates
Days in Session	189	188
Number of Days of Instruction	180	180
Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum)		Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Schools Open	Tuesday, September 5, 2017	Wednesday, September 5, 2018
Non-Instructional Day (School Planning Day)	Friday, September 22, 2017	Friday, September 21, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2017	Monday, October 8, 2018
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D – Provincial)	Friday, October 20, 2017	Friday, October 19, 2018
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2017	Monday, November 12, 2018
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday, November 29, 2017	Wednesday, November 28, 2018
Early Dismissal Day	Thursday, November 30, 2017	Thursday, November 29, 2018
Non-Instructional Day (Parent-Teacher Interviews)	Friday, December 1, 2017	Friday, November 30, 2018
Christmas Vacation Period	Monday, December 25, 2017 to Friday, January 5, 2018	Monday, December 24, 2018 to Friday, January 4, 2019
Schools reopen after Christmas Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2018	Monday, January 7, 2019
Non-Instructional Day Pro-D (District)/Semester Turnaround	Friday, January 26, 2018	Friday, January 25, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum Planning)	Monday, January 29, 2018	Monday, January 28, 2019
Family Day	Monday, February 12, 2018	Monday, February 18, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (Report Writing)	Monday, February 26, 2018	Monday, February 25, 2019
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday, March 14, 2018	Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Early Dismissal Day	Thursday, March 15, 2018	Thursday, March 14, 2019
Spring Vacation Period/ District Closure Days	Monday, March 19, 2018 to Monday, April 2, 2018	Monday, March 18, 2019 to Friday, March 29, 2019
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation/District Closure Days	Tuesday, April 3, 2018	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, March 30, 2018	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 2, 2018	Monday, April 22, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D Day)	Friday, May 11, 2018	Friday, May 10, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum)	Monday, May 14, 2018	
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2018	Monday, May 20, 2019
Last day for Students	Thursday, June 28, 2018	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Administrative Day – Schools Close	Friday, June 29, 2018	Friday, June 28, 2019