



**Robert Ogilvie Elementary School**  
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Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! It is nice to see the sun rising earlier in the morning. The students and staff are all excited to be back at school and I have seen lots of enthusiasm for learning. The months ahead should be exciting and busy. A special welcome to all the new families in our community! Please find the latest information and calendar attached. Although the weather is very cold right now and we are having many inside days, students are reminded to dress appropriately to go outdoors. If the temperature rises to -15 (with or without wind chill), students will head outside for recess and lunch breaks. It is extremely important that they have appropriate clothing to enjoy the outdoor time.

Staff Changes: A few staff changes have occurred over the Christmas Break. Congratulations to Mrs. Neuls who has been appointed Vice Principal on a permanent basis and to Ms. Gouwenberg who will now be the grade 2 teacher. We have a posting out for the grade 4/5 for a medical leave and are hoping to fill that in the near future.

Mission Statement: At Robert Ogilvie we are creating a community of respectful, responsible lifelong learners. Please find below our School Improvement Plan Goals as a reminder of what we are focusing on at Robert Ogilvie School.

School Improvement Plan Goals:

At Robert Ogilvie, we are creating a community of respectful, responsible lifelong learners.

1. Our first goal is about **Social Responsibility**: to foster a community where everyone feels safe, respected and accepted.
2. Our second goal is **Numeracy**: to improve all students' numeracy skills.

Robert Ogilvie Code of Conduct

The purpose of our code of conduct is to maintain student rights and responsibilities with expectations for behaviour during any school related activity.

All members of the school community are expected to:

- \*Take care of ourselves
- \*Take care of others
- \*Take care of our school
- \*Take responsibility for learning

Rights	Responsibilities
All members of our school community have the right to:	All members of our school community have the responsibility to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be safe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behave in a safe manner at all times</li> <li>• Tell an adult of incidents of bullying, harassment or intimidation</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be accepted and respected</li> <li>• Learn and achieve potential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care for others and show respect</li> <li>• Listen to and respect others' learning</li> <li>• Pay attention in class and complete assignments</li> <li>• Set and work towards goals</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be heard and ask questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to and respect others' ideas</li> <li>• Ask questions and share ideas politely and respectfully</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work in a healthy, clean environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep the school clean and respect school property</li> </ul>

### Rising Expectations:

As students become older, more self-disciplined and mature, expectations regarding their behaviour and responsibility will rise accordingly. Older students are expected to set a good example for others.

<b><i>Unacceptable Conduct</i></b>	<b><i>Consequences</i></b>
<p>The following behaviours are some examples of conduct that is not acceptable and should not be considered a complete list.</p> <p>Behaviours that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are disrespectful to others</li> <li>• Interfere with the learning of others</li> <li>• Interfere with an orderly environment</li> <li>• Create unsafe conditions</li> </ul> <p>Acts of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bullying, harassment or intimidation</li> <li>• Physical violence</li> <li>• Retribution against a person who has reported such incidents</li> </ul> <p>Illegal acts, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theft or damage to property</li> </ul>	<p>There will be consequences for inappropriate behaviour.</p> <p>Consequences will be determined based on the severity and frequency of the unacceptable conduct, and the age and maturity of the student.</p> <p>Consequences will include restorative actions and could range from community service to suspensions. They will be logical and reasonable for the behaviour or action.</p>

### Notification

Parents of student offenders and victims will be notified by school staff when it is deemed necessary to re-assure parents that we are aware of the incident and are taking appropriate action to address it. Multiple infractions of an expectation and serious infractions will be followed up with a phone call home.

*You can't just say it, you have to do it.* Steven Hammel

Mingle Jingle: Thank you to all the parents and children for coming out to the Mingle Jingle in December. Families enjoyed a great evening planned by the staff at the school. A special thank you to all the staff who planned activities and made the evening such a great time.

Parking: Parking continues to be a problem at the school in both the front and back parking lot. Please be reminded that we need to keep the lane free in case of emergency. Many people are blocking the drive through access and this is making it extremely difficult for vehicles to leave safely. The front of the school is a "No Parking Zone" and has been for many years. The handi-dart comes and picks up students twice a week and is having difficulty with drop off. This means that if the handi-dart cannot access the lane, the students and staff will be dropped off on 86<sup>th</sup> Street. We also have a variety of buses that pick up and drop off, particularly between 2:00-2:30 p.m. Again, if this "No Parking Zone" has vehicles in it, the students will be dropped off on 86<sup>th</sup> Street, which is extremely dangerous. We would appreciate it also if vehicles were not left idling. The classes on the west side of the school breathe in the vehicle fumes and this has created a problem for staff and students. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. With the abundance of snow, there are many large hills in both the front and back parking areas. Students have been reminded to stay off the hills in the parking lots. This is a hard area to supervise and we ask for extra precaution when parking and exiting the lots. Thank you to the P.A.C. for the quick response to parent concerns about alley access and snow removal in the back. Your efforts to have this area cleaned are greatly appreciated.

Foundations Skills Assessments 2014: Grade 4 students will be participating in the provincial Foundation Skills Assessments beginning the end of January. This is an annual assessment that will provide the Ministry with data regarding the learning of students provincially. The results of this assessment will be sent home to all parents prior to March break.

Basketball: We are very lucky to have enough volunteers to run two basketball teams. There will be a grade 5/6 boys' team and a grade 5/6 girls' team. Thank you to the staff who will work with these students. Without Ms. Brekkas and Ms. Gouwenberg volunteering for these teams, students would not have this opportunity for extra curricular sports. The games will commence next week. Badminton season will begin soon. Any parents who would like to volunteer for this sport can contact Mrs. Scheck.

Kindergarten Registrations: Families with children who will be five years old prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, are able to register their child for kindergarten. Registrations are now open. Please feel free to come and register at your earliest convenience. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records. The earlier you register, the easier it is to plan for September staffing.

Hallways: With the wet and drippy snow, the hallways continue to be a safety issue. We have purchased "blue hospital booties" for parents and caregivers to wear in the hallway should they not want to take off their boots. Please put these booties on so that our hallways stay nice and clean as well as dry. Many students are stepping in puddles of water and "ice salt" that is left in the hallways and this is tracking throughout the school creating slippery spots. The blue booties

can be found in the mudrooms and the front office entrance. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Early Learning Opportunities: Please find the January calendars for Strong Start and other pre-school opportunities at: <http://www.earlylearning.prn.bc.ca>. Another useful sight for local events can be found at: [www.familyfriendlycommunity.ca](http://www.familyfriendlycommunity.ca). These are great resources for families to provide activities and information about available opportunities in the region.

Electronics: Just a friendly reminder to parents and students that the school policy on electronics/cell phones is that these devices should not be coming to school. We cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. These items have caused some concern in the school this year. If a student does have a cell phone or electronic device, it must be turned off and put away in a backpack during school time. Students are responsible for lost or stolen items.

P.A.C. Update: The next P.A.C. meeting is Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If would like to volunteer for the PAC or have questions, please come to the meeting or email the P.A.C at: [robertogilviepac@gmail.com](mailto:robertogilviepac@gmail.com).

Pro-D Day: Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> pro-d day has been re-scheduled district wide for Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. This has been done to coincide with the provincial exams and turn around day for the high schools. Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> is also Family Day in British Columbia, so this makes for a nice family weekend.

Attached to this newsletter, is a "**REQUEST FOR CONSENT FORM**" that is being provided by the District office. To align with the Canadian anti-spam legislation, all families **MUST** complete this form if they wish to receive electronic messages from the school. Even if you have provided an email address to date, this form must be completed and returned in order to continue to receive electronic messages. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Scheck  
Principal  
Robert Ogilvie Elementary

Mrs. Louise Neuls  
Vice Principal  
Robert Ogilvie Elementary

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter my name for the newsletter draw to be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

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 Robert Ogilvie Elementary School  
 January 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 School re-opens after Christmas break	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	<b>16</b> Pirates of Penzance  9:30-11:30 @ Cultural Center
19	20 PAC meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30 <b>Pro-D Day CANCELLED</b>

