



**Robert Ogilvie Elementary School**  
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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 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 our new staff members: Mrs. Baldry who is replacing Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Schneider who is replacing Miss Leed. 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.

Kindergarten Registrations: Families with children who will be five years old prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 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.

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.

#### School Vision and Mission Statement:

Mission Statement: At Robert Ogilvie we are creating a community of respectful, responsible lifelong learners. Please find below our school "Enhancing Student Learning" goals as a reminder of what we are focusing on at Robert Ogilvie School.

#### Enhancing Student Learning 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.
3. Our third goal is: to implement the Career and A.D.S.T. Curriculum.

## 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.

Foundations Skills Assessments 2017: Grade 4 students will be participating in the provincial Foundation Skills Assessments beginning January 9th. 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 three basketball teams. There will be a grade 5/6 boys' team and a grade 5/6 girls' team. Thank you to the staff and parents who are coaching. Without these volunteers, 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 Mr. Ylagan or Mrs. Clark.

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.

Pink Shirt Day: Pink Shirt Day is fast approaching and the school will be coordinating a school order. Each t-shirt will cost \$8.00 if ordered and paid for by Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The logo

this year is "Kindness Is One Size Fits All". Pink Shirt Day is celebrated on the last Wednesday in February across Canada. If you would like to order a t-shirt, please complete the order information at the bottom of the newsletter and send in by January 19<sup>th</sup>.

School Fees: A friendly reminder to all families who have not paid their school fees yet that we would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Reminder letters will be sent home at the end of January for any outstanding fees. We appreciate your attention to this matter. When fees go unpaid it jeopardizes what we can provide at the school level.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Scheck  
Principal  
Robert Ogilvie Elementary

Mr. Tim Ylagan  
Vice Principal  
Robert Ogilvie Elementary



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order a pink shirt for Pink Shirt Day in the following sizes: (Please ✓)

\$8.00 each

Youth XSmall	_____	Adult Small	_____
Youth Small	_____	Adult Medium	_____
Youth Medium	_____	Adult Large	_____
Youth Large	_____	Adult XLarge	_____
Youth XLarge	_____	Adult XXLLarge	_____
Total Cost enclosed:	_____		



Calendar of Events  
January~ Robert Ogilvie School

9 Assembly @ 9 am  FSA begins (Ends Feb 17)	10 SG swim lessons	11 Mr. Flury & Mr. Nowell @ Alice In Wonderland	12 SG swim lessons Mrs. Forster & Miss Lahucik @ Alice in Wonderland	13 Arctic Light Presentation 10:35-11:45  AVID students here with Ms. Elsa's Grade 2/3
	17	18	19	20
23 Assembly	24	25	26 Mrs. DeGroot Skating	27 NID Pro-D Day School Closed
30 NID New Curriculum Day School Closed	31			