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Friday, November 1st, 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy November! Another month has flown out the window. We are so thankful that the fall weather has lasted but know that our luck is soon going to run out. Please try to pack extra clothing with your children if you know that they like to walk through puddles, mud or snow as the weather change is sure to happen soon. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered in September and October. It makes a difference to our students. We would like to wish Mrs. Jamieson good-bye as she is heading off on maternity leave. All the best with your new arrival. We look forward to seeing the new baby soon. Please find updates on upcoming activities and dates in our newsletter.

Scholastic Book Fair: Thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. It was another successful book fair raising \$3000.00 in profit for our school. This will be used to provide books and materials for the library and classrooms. We appreciate this support and the students as well as the library will directly benefit from these materials. Thank you to Mrs. Rita Schonewille for volunteering every day of the book fair. Your help is so appreciated.

Operation Christmas Child: It is that time of year again to collect items for Operation Christmas Child. The school has been involved in this program for a long time, thanks to Mrs. Holden and her passion for helping underprivileged children around the world. All items are due in by Friday, November 15th. These items are being collected in front of the office. The items we are collecting include: new items, non-perishable items, and should fit in a shoebox. Suggested items are posted in all hallways around the school. Thank you to Mrs. Holden for spearheading this worthy cause.

Microwaves: Beginning in January, classroom microwaves will be phased out. They have been a constant safety issue in the school as lunches overheat and burn and breakers crash. We are finding that too many students are bringing pre-packaged items that take up to 6 minutes to microwave. As a result, these meals are not getting heated up quickly and many children are not getting their lunches heated in time to eat them. In the primary classrooms, lunch monitors are having a difficult time managing all the heat-ups. There will remain a microwave at the canteen and in the intermediate and primary hallways for students to access if necessary. We ask that families refrain as much as possible from sending heat-ups as soon as possible so that students get used to having microwave free lunches. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Dieleman Fundraising: We will be collecting all orders for the Dieleman Fundraiser next week. We thank you for your support in this fundraiser. Proceeds will go directly into activities and materials for students. We are looking to expand our technology equipment and classroom manipulatives to support literacy and numeracy.

Parking Issues and Safety: We ask that all parents and visitors to our school park in appropriate spots. Please make sure that our access parking is kept free for families who need this. We would also ask that you back in to parking spaces to ensure safety when leaving the parking lot. Please be cognizant of the parking area as we work together to provide safe parking practices for our school. We also want to remind drivers that the school is an idle-free zone. Many of our students and staff have respiratory problems and the fumes from vehicle idling will enter the building and irritate breathing. We continue to have problems with drivers who use 8th Street. Many drivers are not following posted school speed zone signs and are also driving through the flashing red lights. If you have friends and family that use this road, please remind that that drivers must obey the posted speed limits and the flashing red lights. This will also ensure that students and families are safe when walking.

Robert Ogilvie PAC Update: Hello fellow parents! We have a few things we would like to bring to your attention.

NEEDED: The school is currently accepting clothing donations of gently used clothing for the upcoming wet, wintery season. If you have anything that you can spare, whether it be mittens, toques, pants, splash pants, socks etc. (anything gently used and that you are no longer in need of), it would be greatly appreciated. It's nice to be able to provide something dry for some students that have gotten wet during recess or lunch, or to provide mittens to those that may have forgotten them. We remind parents to please ensure that your children are properly dressed for the weather conditions as we head into the colder months.

UPCOMING EVENT: One of the PAC's annual fundraisers is gearing up for another year and this is our Home Based Business and Craft Winter Bazaar. This year's Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 30th from 9-3 in the RO Gym. There will be many vendors for you to browse and buy items, face painting for the kids, door prizes and much more. We invite you to stop by and check it out.

DEADLINE: A reminder that the Poinsettia order forms need to be handed in by November 15th. Plants are expected to arrive on November 28th and will hopefully be ready to go home that afternoon.

REMINDER: Just a Reminder that there are two ways you can support RO PAC initiatives throughout the year. Please take advantage of these great retailers and tell your friends and family about these opportunities too!

1) Shop Regal Online! Check out <http://ropac.shopregal.ca/>

2) Shop Mabel's Labels Online <http://www.ro.mabelslabels.com>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Everyone is invited to attend the next *General PAC* meeting on Tuesday Nov. 19th at 7 pm in the RO Library. We welcome new faces and encourage you to come by and find out what PAC is all about. Check us out on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/ROPAC/>

Strong Start/Early Learning Program Calendars: Calendars for Strong Start and other early learning programs for November can be found at: <http://www.earlylearning.prn.bc.ca>. These calendars are also posted by Strong Start and can also be picked up at the office. A reminder that part of the Strong Start Program is: "Daddy and Me" gym nights which is held on the second Wednesday of the month in our school gym. This is a popular gym night and is a great way to get exercise and have fun.

Big Universe Book Site: We have recently purchased [www:biguniverse.com](http://www.biguniverse.com) for our school and families to access. This is an online reading resource that has over 3000 on line books. Parents are able to access this site free of charge. We wish to thank the P.A.C. for their donation to the purchase of this program. You can access it through our website: www.ogilvie.prn.bc.ca . Once at the website, click on the library links on the right hand of the page. You will find a lot of great on line resources at that link that are suitable for all children and pre-schoolers. If you need assistance accessing the webpage, please give the school a call. We will gladly help you.

Skating: All students in our school will have the opportunity to skate at the Pomeroy Center this year. Students must have a helmet to be permitted on the ice. We do have skates and some helmets that can be borrowed. Skating sessions will be listed on the calendar attached and permission slips will come home with your children.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Scheck
Principal
Robert Ogilvie Elementary School

Mr. Karl Peterson
Vice Principal

Thank you for reading our newsletter!
Return this portion of the newsletter by Tuesday, November 12th to be entered in a prize draw.

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: ____

Calendar of Events
2013-2014
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November 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Dieleman Fundraiser due to the office	5	6 Staff meeting 3:00 p.m.	7	8 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11:00 a.m.
11 Remembrance Day School Closed	12	13 Daddy and Me Gym night @ 6:00-7:30 p.m. (Strong Start Program)	14 <u>Skating 10:30- 11:30:</u> (Mr. Flury/Mrs. Bulmer, Mrs. Logeman, and Mrs. Vasarhelyi)	15 Final Day for Operation Christmas Child donations <u>Skating 1:15-2:15</u> (Mr. Peterson and Mrs. DeGroot)
18 Assembly @ 9:00 a.m. T	19 PAC meeting @ 7 p.m.	20	21	22 <u>Skating 1:15-2:15</u> (Ms. Leed and Mrs. Kenyon)
25	26 Report Cards Go Home	27 Early Dismissal Day Parent teacher interviews	28 Early Dismissal Day Parent teacher interviews <u>Skating 10:30- 11:30</u> (Mrs. Lavoie, Mrs. Shuster/Ms. Prontack, Mrs. Neuls)	29 Non-Instruction Day Reporting to Parents