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Monday, November 25th, 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a cold and frosty week! We are sending a newsletter out early, as December is a short but busy month. Please find updates and date changes on the attached calendar.

Dieleman Fundraising Orders: Thank you to all families who have participated in this fundraiser. The orders should arrive shortly and will be sent home with students as soon as they arrive. The funds generated from this fundraiser will be used to support our school!

Inclement Weather: Just a reminder that the school doors are open around 8:00 a.m. and students may come inside when the weather is bad. We have a number of students without inside shoes. Please remember that inside shoes are necessary for safety reasons, particularly if for some reason we have to vacate the building without notice. We would appreciate all visitors to the school to take off their outside footwear. This keeps our hallways and feet dry as students walk from the boot room to the classroom. It also ensures that students do not fall in the melted water. There are boot covers in the mudrooms should you want to cover your feet instead. The students will be outside, weather permitting - our guideline for inside days is a temperature of -18 (with or without wind chill). Students should come prepared to go outside daily.

Volleyball Season: Thank you to Mrs. Dressler, Mrs. Lee, Miss Leed and Mr. Peterson for coaching our boys and girls in volleyball this season. The tournaments are running on Thursday, November 28th (boys) and Friday, November 29th (girls) at North Peace Secondary School. Games start around 3:00 p.m. in a double knock out format. Boys need to arrive by 3:15 p.m. and the girls by 2:45 p.m. Come and cheer on our teams. It should be a great evening of volleyball. If you are interested in coaching basketball in January, please contact Mr. Peterson.

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 26th. Please note that teachers will be available on Wednesday, November 27th (starting at 1:45 p.m.), Thursday, November 28th (starting at 1:45 p.m.) and Friday, November 29th (8:45-2:45 p.m.) to meet formally with parents regarding your child's progress. Wednesday and Thursday are early dismissal days so students will be dismissed at 1:41 p.m. Friday is a non-instructional day for reporting to parents. If you wish to book an appointment to see your child's teacher, you can

contact them directly or call the office to book one over the phone. We look forward to seeing all parents this week to celebrate your child's learning.

Operation Christmas Child: Thank you for your generous support to Operation Christmas Child. Mrs. Holden has informed me that we collected enough items for 105 shoeboxes. This is an amazing accomplishment from our school and will go towards helping very needy children. Thank you to Mrs. Holden for coordinating this collection for so many years. Your time is greatly appreciated.

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 for specific canteen items only. We ask that families refrain as much as possible from sending heat-ups as soon as possible so that students get used to have microwave free lunches. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Early Learning Calendars: The new Strong Start calendars can be found at: www.earlylearning.prn.bc.ca. They should be updated for December by the end of the week.

Mingle Jingle: This year, our school staff will be hosting a "Mingle Jingle" evening instead of a Christmas concert. We have set aside the date of Thursday, December 19th for this fun filled evening. During the course of the night, families can circulate around the school doing a variety of activities from Christmas stories, games, crafts, photo booth and many more. We hope to see you all there.

Christmas Carols: Do you know anyone who can play the piano and would love to donate some time to play Christmas carols for our school? Please contact the office if you or anyone you know would like to help with this during the last week of school. It is something that the students enjoy and helps to create a Christmas atmosphere during the final week of school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Scheck
Principal
Robert Ogilvie Elementary

Mr. Karl Peterson
Vice Principal
Robert Ogilvie Elementary

Calendar of Events
2013-2014
Robert Ogilvie Elementary School
December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 First Term Awards Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16 Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.	17	18	19 Mingle Jingle	20 Last Day of School
23 Christmas Holidays begin	24	25	26	27
30 Christmas Holidays continue	31			

Thank you for reading our newsletter!

Return this portion of the newsletter by Tuesday, December 2nd to be entered in a prize draw.

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: ____

News from the PAC

Check us out on Facebook!! We are under the group **RO PAC**. This is a great way to keep up to date on information on the playground, fundraisers, and meeting reminders.

It's been a busy month, with organizing some of the fundraisers you have seen that come home. Thank you to all that have taken part and ordered some items from either the DeVry Poinsettia fundraiser or the Gold Canyon Candle fundraiser. We hope that we have provided a bit of variety so that everyone has been able to order something they like, or will benefit from.

If you ordered plants from the Poinsettia fundraiser, they will be delivered on **Thursday November 28th**. Please make sure that you come in to the school and pick up your order at the end of the school day. Many orders are too large to have the students take them all home. For those that placed an order with only 1 or 2 small plants, we can put them in a bag for your child, but for the majority, a parent or guardian will have to come in and assist in taking them home. Plant pick-up will be located near the Primary doors, located on the East side of the school.

This Saturday is our annual Winter Bazaar. We have a wide variety of vendors coming in to display and sell their products or services. There will be no entry fee, and we invite everyone to come and check it out. There will be face painting for the kids, and door prize draws for both kids and adults. This will all be in the gym from 9-3 on Saturday, November 30th. The canteen will also be open on this day from 10-2 with chili and bannock available to purchase. If you're able to volunteer some time, help is needed with the set-up and clean up of this event. Set up starts at 12pm on Friday the 29th, and clean up starts at 3pm on Saturday the 30th.

If you're doing any shopping with Regal or Mabel's Labels, we remind you that you can support the RO PAC anytime of the year, by simply using the links that we have signed up for. By using the RO PAC link, a portion of your purchase is donated to us!! And, just to let you know the Regal winter catalog just came out! Lots of neat holiday items for you to check out.

<http://ropac.shopregal.ca>

<http://www.ro.mabelslabels.com>

Be watching soon for an online site for Please Mum that will work just like our Regal and Mabel's Labels sites. A portion of your purchase becomes a donation to the RO PAC! What a great way to fundraise! And enjoy the Please Mum clothing too!!

As snow season is now upon us, we ask that you kindly remove all outdoor footwear upon entering the school. The students must walk down the hallways to and from their classrooms in their sock feet, and once they step in the wet slop from others' outdoor footwear, their socks become wet, and they then have to sit with cold wet feet for the remainder of the morning. If you could please remain inside the mudroom with outdoor footwear on, or use the blue boot covers that you will find provided in both the Primary mudroom, and just outside of the office. We thank you in advance for your consideration of the students of Robert Ogilvie.