



Robert Ogilvie Elementary School

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Tuesday, October 1st, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of September ends today! Did that ever go quickly! The students and staff are settling in quite nicely. We appreciate all your efforts with helping the students adjust to being back to school. Thank you to primary parents who are waiting at the primary entrance with their children. The staff has noticed that waiting in line is helping to make the primary mudroom a bit less crazy. We also would like to thank the parents/guardians who help with noisy reading. This is a great way to help your child learn the benefits of reading daily. Please find below some of the upcoming events and information for the month of October.

Mountain West Studios: Mountain West Studios will be here to take individual student pictures on Thursday, October 3rd. For best results, students should not wear green or white clothing, or clothing that has green patterns on it. Your child will be photographed on a green background. Proofs will be sent home with your child when they are ready and at that time parents can then choose the favourite pose and background. Payment is to be sent in with your order form.

P.A.C. Update: Greetings From R.O. P.A.C. PAC had their first general meeting last week with a wonderful turn out of parents. Elections were held and the majority of positions were filled. Thank you to all who have filled the open PAC positions.

2013/2014 P.A.C. Executive:

Brittany Mycock- President/ Helping Hands Coordinator

Amber Nurse- Vice President

Kelsey Fleming- Treasurer

Brandy Utz- Secretary

Holly Rowe- Fundraiser Chair, co-chairs Pam Kohen and Dawn Ellis

Logan Fischer- Grants Application

Karla Stafford- Playground Chair

We are still in need of someone to take on the Environmental Club chair. For more information about this position please email the RO PAC at: robertogilviepac@gmail.com

Helping hands will be on hold at the moment until more criminal record checks can be completed. We are hoping to get the program started mid October. Thank you to all the volunteers who

have signed up. We can always use more volunteers for this program. Sign up is always open to be a Helping Hands.

The next general PAC meeting is Tuesday October 22 at 7 p.m. in the school library. Babysitting is available.

Scholastic Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair materials have arrived and the school will be sponsoring a book fair from Monday, October 15th until Wednesday, October 23rd. Students will have a chance to view books and materials, along with family members, beginning October 15th. Please feel free to drop by and look at the book fair during that week. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and relatives to purchase materials for Christmas and celebrations. The books are of good quality and it will be a very current selection. We will order additional copies should we run out of the most popular titles. The book fair will be open before school, at recess, lunch and after school for purchases. If you are able to assist with this, please contact Mrs. Scheck or Mrs. Dressler. All proceeds from the book fair will go towards purchasing materials to use in classrooms and also titles for the library. We thank you for your support in this fall book fair.

Author Visit: Our intermediate students have an opportunity to see two authors Sigmund Brouwer and Bryan Trottier on Tuesday, October 8th. Students will be bussed over to Duncan Cran Elementary School for this author visit. We do have many of their books in the library and staff will be promoting their books in the classroom. Permission slips will be sent home this week.

Robert Ogilvie Pre-School has two spots available as soon as possible. The pre-school runs on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30-3:15 p.m. Please call the office and ask for Pam at the pre-school. The pre-school cost is \$160.00/month.

Fire Safety Week: The Fort St. John Fire Department will be promoting Fire Safety Week throughout the schools and the city. This event takes place October 7th-13th. We will have one scheduled fire drill and one un-scheduled fire drill that week. Students will be learning about fire prevention and escape routes in many of the classes. Please discuss the importance of fire prevention with your children. The FSJ Fire Department will host an assembly on Wednesday, October 9th as part of their safety week. Parents and pre-school students are welcome to join us.

FSJ Family Week begins on October 5th and runs until October 12th. This is a full week of activities supported by many organizations in FSJ. You can find out some of the activities planned at the following website: <http://www.familyfriendlycommunity.ca/spotlight>. Daddy and Me Gym Night will be hosted on Wednesday, October 9th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This will be open to all dads and their children 0-6 years old. If you would like to attend and have a friend from another area in town with children in this age range, bring them along too. Daddy and Me will be scheduled the second Wednesday of every month. Robert Ogilvie Strong Start will also host a Strong Start Family Gym night on Thursday, October 10th from 6:00-7:30. This is open to any

of the families and children who attend the Strong Start Program. It is a great way to explore the gym and have family time while keeping healthy. To find out more information on other early learning and family events in Fort St. John, check out the school district web site at www.earlylearning.prn.bc.ca. There is something for everyone there.

Soccer: A big thank you to Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Hill for coaching the soccer teams this year and for taking the teams to the tournament. Students are truly enjoying this sporting opportunity. Any parents wishing to volunteer for a community coach in the upcoming season of volleyball, please contact Mr. Peterson.

Cross-Country Running: For the first time in many years, Robert Ogilvie School has a cross-country running team. Thank you to Mrs. Hollen, Mr. Hollen, and Ms. Leed for sponsoring this team. They have attended 3 events so far and have two more scheduled runs. We wish you the best of luck.

Dieleman Fundraising: We are almost ready to send out the Dieleman Fundraising catalogues. There are many exciting items to purchase from these catalogues including stationery, jewelry, wrapping paper and gift items. There will also be an opportunity for family and friends, both near and far, to order online. This information will be included in the catalogue packages. Catalogues will go out on or around Friday, October 4th and all sales are due back in to the office by Wednesday, November 5th. All items should be back to the school before the Christmas holidays (tentatively December 2nd). This is an excellent fundraiser that helps to provide funds for classroom materials, technology and other fine arts opportunities. Thank you for your support in this fundraiser.

October Lunch Orders: The school will be starting lunch orders for Booster Juice, pizza and Subway beginning on October 17th. Please look for the order form to come home later this week. Orders are due back in by October 11th to ensure that we have enough time to coordinate orders. If you are interested in helping with these lunch orders (either organizing or in delivering lunches), please contact Mrs. Knott.

Parking Lot: As our school grows, the parking lot continues to be a bit of an issue. Please remember that our students need access to sidewalks and walking areas. It has been reported that some vehicles are parking on the sidewalks that are in the north staff parking. This is blocking safe access for the students. We would much appreciate it if all vehicles would back in to designated areas and keep the access clear for students' safety. We would also ask that vehicles enter and exit using the correct exits. Vehicles should not be stopping in the drive through to let students out as this is a safety risk and slows down the traffic flow. We understand the frustration with our lack of parking spaces and are working with the School District #60 board office to try to rectify this situation. In the meantime, safety of all students is a priority.

Helping Hands: Thank you to Mrs. Mycock for organizing the "Helping Hands" lunch volunteers. She is still looking for some adult helpers who would be able to volunteer at lunch 1-2 times a

week giving an extra hand to help get the primary children ready to go outside at lunch and back in to eat their lunch. The extra set of hands is greatly appreciated with the little ones as we have an abundance of primary students this year. If you are interested in participating in the volunteer activity, please call 250-329-9060 or email directly mycockbrittany@gmail.com.

Microwaves: Microwaves continue to be an ongoing problem in our school. There are so many students with heated lunches that the microwaves run constantly often blowing the electrical panel. We ask that parents are cognizant of this and send lunches that do not have to be heated up. The problem occurs when too many children bring microwaveable lunches that require 5-7 minutes of heating time. This means that children are not getting lunches heated due to the time frame and as a result do not get to eat their lunch in the designated time. We are one of the few elementary schools that have microwave access in the classroom. We will be discussing options at our next staff meeting.

Thank you to all parents for returning the variety of forms that have gone home this month. If you have not sent back the verification forms, computer use agreements or the freedom of information forms, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you to families who have paid for their school fees.

If you have not had an opportunity to check out our school website yet, please access it at www.ogilvie.prn.bc.ca. There will be weekly updates and reminders posted there on Monday mornings. Newsletters can also be found there should you not receive your newsletter or need to look something up. Also check out the library links on the right side of the webpage. Listed in this section are library links that will help your child stay engaged in reading. This is a great place to find interesting books that can be shared with all family members. The link can be found at: http://www.ogilvie.prn.bc.ca/?page_id=868.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email and are not currently receiving it, please fill in the form below so you can be added to our email list.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Scheck
Principal
Robert Ogilvie Elementary

Mr. Karl Peterson
Vice Principal
Robert Ogilvie Elementary

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 FIRE DRILL @ 2:15 pm	2	3 INDIVIDUAL PICTURES Mountain West	4
7 Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.	8 Intermediate students @ Duncan Cran 9:15-10:45 Authors Sigmund Brouwer and Bryan Trottier	9 Fire Prevention Assembly 1:00-2:30 (all classes) Daddy and Me Gym night 6:00-7:30 p.m.	10 Robert Ogilvie Strong Start Family Gym Night 6:00-7:30 p.m.	11
14 Thanksgiving Day School Closed	15 Book Fair viewing	16 Book Fair purchases	17 Book Fair purchases	18 Book Fair purchases
21 Assembly @ 9:00 a.m. Book Fair purchases	22 Book Fair Purchases	23 Last day for Book Fair Book Fair Purchases	24 1 st Term Interims due to go out	25 Non- Instructional Day
28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween	

Thank you for reading our newsletter ☺

Return this portion of the newsletter by Tuesday, October 15th to be entered in a draw.

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

I would like to be added to email list for newsletters: _____

Parent Signature _____

