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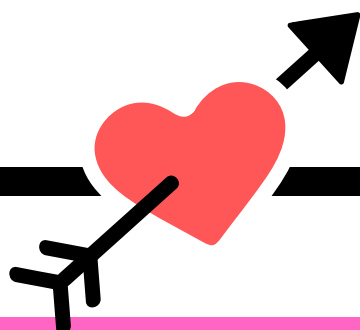
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy February Everyone,

I hope that you all will have a great Valentine's Day and Family Day. I have had the pleasure of attending a number of our basketball games and am amazed at how much heart and drive our students put into each game. When they are at away games they have been the best ambassadors for our school we could have wished for, and at home they show what sportsmanship is supposed to look like. I am proud of all our students and the school teams just showcase why I am.

Our Rayleigh students are some of the best in the district for behaviour and effort. I am always hearing from other principals how well behaved they are when at different functions. You, the parents and caregivers of our Rayleigh students, should tell your children every day that you are proud of them for who they are.

With the Family Day weekend coming up, make time for a family activity. Pry your children and yourselves away from the screen and play a family game, take a walk together, go tobogganing, or just hang out together. Our world is increasingly busy and hectic. Take a time out, take a deep breath and relax with family.

Have a great day,

Shaun McKenna

Principal, Rayleigh Elementary School

SCHOOL CALENDAR

February 1st - OLPH Gr. 6 girls basketball tournament

February 12th - District Math Challenge

February 12th - basketball team off to Raft River

February 14th - Hamblett/Tweed Skating
Last skating day of the year!

February 15th- Family Fun Dance
6pm in the gym

February 18th - Family Day - NO SCHOOL

February 20th - PAC Meeting
Library at 7pm - All are welcome

February 20th - Family Night of Science
Thompson Rivers University - see flyer for more details

February 25th - March 1st - KIND IS COOL WEEK
Various events held in the school throughout the week

February 25th - Big Little Science Centre field trip
Mrs. Stewart's Class

February 27th - Pink Shirt Day

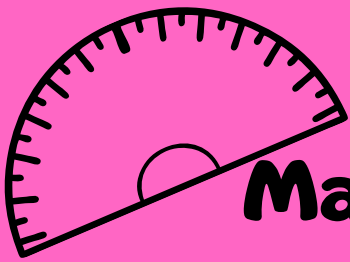
February 28th - Harper Mountain tubing field trip
Intermediate Classes

March 1st - Non-Instructional Day
NO SCHOOL

SPORTS CORNER

Basketball season is well underway. Students have represented Rayleigh at many different schools; Beattie Elementary, Arthur Hatton, Lloyd George, Kay Bingham, Parkcrest, St. Ann's, Raft River, OLPH, Haldane Elementary, David Thompson, Bert Edwards, Arthur Stevenson, & Juniper. The students play hard, do their best and continue to make Rayleigh proud by showing good sportsmanship to all. Playoffs for grades 5/6 teams are coming up soon, schedules will be sent home once received.





Math Problem of the Week

Rayleigh students continue to work hard by entering the Math Problem of the Week contest. Our latest winners include grade 6 student Logan McLaren from Mrs. Tweed's class, grade 2 student Linden Gillette from Mr. Levitt's class and grade 5 student Matt Poloyko from Mr. Hamblett's class.

Keep up the hard work everyone!!

Rayleigh Elementary Students Attend School District Math Challenge

On February 12th, Rayleigh Elementary proudly to sent two teams to School District 73's Math Challenge. Kale Adams, Sara Foreman, Tanis Frangiadakis, Brooklyn Mallais, Chet O'Regan, and Cassian Wilson were the representatives from our school. Math Challenge is an event where students solve problems that require them to work together, think critically and creatively, and communicate their solutions.

Well done team Rayleigh, we thank you for working together as a team and proudly representing our school!

**Have a safe and happy
Family Day Weekend!**

Call for Young Artists



Students in grades 4 -7 are invited to channel their creative side to create and submit a piece of art work for the Young Artists contest. This year Rayleigh Elementary will be able to send 3 lucky students to attend the Young Artists workshops held at TRU on May 1st. The deadline to submit art work is March 4th.



Band News



On February 4th, the Rayleigh Grade 6 Band teamed up with the Arthur Hatton Grade 6 Band and the Kamloops Music Collective to participate in a half day workshop at Brock Middle School. Students learned lots, and performed instruments and also coordinated glow sticks for the piece "Everything is Awesome". Now, all the grade 4-6 music students are preparing for their next concert at Rayleigh Elementary on April 3rd.

PAC CORNER

Rayleigh Elementary PAC Executive

Thank you to everyone who joined us to at our January PAC meeting! It was an incredibly productive meeting where we approved spending over \$7000 on items such as home reading books, classroom supplies, field trip expenses, classroom technology and upgrades to the basketball hoop in the gym. We appreciate everyone's participation and voice in making these decisions and all the fundraising support to support these initiatives and improve our kids' education! Here's what's coming up:

Upcoming PAC Events

Family Fun Dance - Fri. Feb. 15th, 6-8pm in the School Gym


February PAC Meeting - Wed. Feb. 20th, 7pm in the School Library

SD73 Funding Rally - Fri. Mar. 1st, 12pm at Valleyview Secondary

Movie Night - Fri. Mar. 8th, 6pm in the School Gym

March PAC Meeting - Wed. Mar.13th, 7pm in the School Library

Movie Night



Our next movie night will feature "Ralph Breaks the Internet" on Friday, March 8th in the School Gym! Doors will open at 5:30 and the movie will start at 6pm sharp. Admission is \$2 each or \$5 per family and the concession will be open with pizza and other goodies! Wear your jammies and bring a pillow and blanket if you wish. All children must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

Hot Lunch Coordinator / Committee Needed to Continue Program

The current session of hot lunch ends March 15 and our coordinator, Jamie Wilcox-Horne, will be stepping down. Thank you so much Jaime for running such a great program! We would like to continue to offer our program through to June, but would need a coordinator to oversee all the details, and we will also continue to need daily volunteers. While this can seem like a big job, the program can be adjusted to what our volunteers can provide - for example, only bringing in meals from restaurants/vendors or reducing the program to 1-2 days a week. Do you think you can take on the program or be on the hot lunch committee? Can you volunteer to help cook or sort brought in orders?

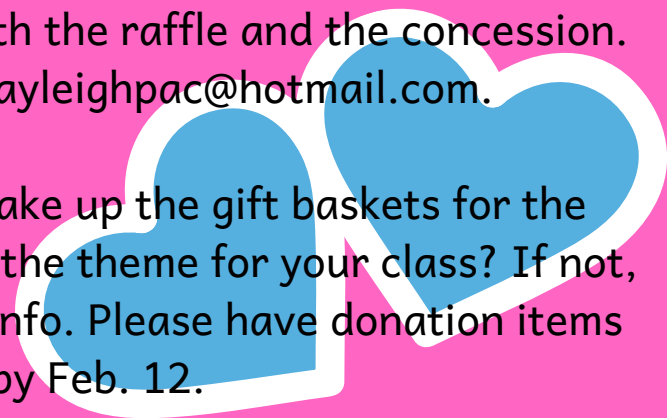
Please contact Rose-Anne ASAP at 250-682-5612 or rayleighpac@hotmail.com.

Red and White Valentine Family Fun Dance

Please join us for a family fun dance on Friday, February 15 from 6-8 pm in the school gym! This year's theme is Red and White Valentine! The concession will be open, there will be a raffle for themed gift baskets, as well as a 50/50 draw and dance prizes for the kids! Doors open at 5:45! Come and dance the night away! In lieu of admission, we will be collecting donations for the Richardson family who recently lost their home in a house fire. Concession proceeds will also be donated to the family.

We could also use more volunteers to help with the raffle and the concession. If you can help, please contact us at rayleighpac@hotmail.com.

Each class is collecting donation items to make up the gift baskets for the raffle. Did you receive the handout indicating the theme for your class? If not, please contact your child's teacher for more info. Please have donation items to your child's teacher by Feb. 12.



Advocates for SD73 - Rally for Capital Funding - Friday, Mar. 1

For many years SD73 has been drastically underfunded for capital projects compared to other districts in the Province. With many of our schools ageing and overcrowded, our district is in need of more attention from the Province. Some District PAC members have started a committee, Advocates for SD73, to advocate for more funding for our district. They have organized a rally for Friday, Mar. 1, at 12 pm at Valleyview Secondary. Please come out to support the initiative and show we believe our students deserve a fair share of Capital funding. For more information, or to join the committee - 'Advocates for SD73', check out their Facebook page or contact Chris Ponti at chrisponti@shaw.ca



Chapters, Cobs Bread & Mabels Labels Fundraisers

These fundraisers continue to remain open, so remember to consider them when you are making purchases.

At COBS, mention you are affiliated with Rayleigh Elementary and a portion of your purchase will be donated to our school.

Mabels Labels make great stocking stuffers and teacher gifts! Choose 'Support a Fundraiser' at mabelslabels.com, select our school from the list and we will get 20% of your purchase!

Our Chapters online fundraiser is still open. Shop through this link (<https://indigofundraising.flipgive.com/f/783865>) and we will earn 3% of any online shopping you do, or 15% of any gift cards you purchase through the link! Over the Holidays this program raised \$150 for our school.