



JUNE

Rapid City School - June 2022

Principal's Message - Ms. Hofer

Where has the time gone? It's difficult to believe June is here already, and summer vacation is around the corner. It has been fantastic to see our students and school shift back into activities and events that we've missed for the last few years. At the end of May, our Grade 5-8s participated in our school track and field meet in Minnedosa, and the RRSD divisional track meet in Brandon. Our Grade 7/8 Speed-Up Ball players are practicing for the tournament on June 9 – it's being hosted at our school! We wish them luck at the tournament, and we'll be sure to pop out to the fields and catch a game or two of theirs! A big thanks to the Rapid City Legion Ladies for putting on the canteen for the day, and to Bob Christie for helping prepare our fields and letting us use the town fields.

June is a very busy month! Be sure to check out the calendar for field trip dates, and special event dates. We are especially looking forward to Tabloid Day on June 16. Tabloid Day is a school-wide sports/field day. All K-8 students will be participating in events throughout the day – and we plan to end the day with a Rapid City School tradition – tug of war!

The Grade 8 class has been working hard to fundraise for their graduation celebration. Their hard work and effort has paid off – as they've raised enough funds for a fun night of activities and supper in Brandon on Tuesday, June 28. Their final fundraiser of the year is a Rapid City School tradition, and a favourite among students (and staff!) – Soak the 8s! The (participating) Grade 8s sell water balloons (1 for \$1, 5 for \$3) to students and staff, and get soaked by their peers and staff. It's a fun way to celebrate the successes of our graduating class, all while supporting them in their ventures to create a fun grad supper night.

The new school year will bring some changes to our school. We wish Mr. Maxwell all the best in his new role as Phys. Ed teacher at Rivers Collegiate. We want to wish Mrs. Hannie van Meijl 'congratulations' on her 21-year long career as an Educational Assistant at Rapid City School as she begins her retirement at the end of this school year. We are looking forward to seeing her in our school as a guest from time to time! Mrs. Shirley Martin will be leaving our school at the end of the school year to pursue new opportunities. We wish her all the best in her new ventures! We thoroughly enjoyed having Mr. Lloyd Small and Ms. Megan Ross in our school this year. We wish Mr. Small well as he (once again) enters his retirement, and Ms. Ross as she starts the next chapter of her career at Erickson Elementary. We are fortunate to have Mr. Edwards as our Phys. Ed teacher – and he will be sharing his time between teaching Phys. Ed in our school and a number of other schools in the division. We are excited to

welcome Mrs. Megan Belisle back to Kindergarten, and we are also pleased to welcome Mrs. Kendra Walker to our school! Mrs. Walker will be teaching Grade 5/6.

Moving forward, I am excited to be continuing my role as Principal of Rapid City School. I feel so fortunate to work alongside a wonderful staff, great kids and families, a wonderful school community, and surrounding community. I am excited for what the future holds for our school community.

Parent and guardians – thank YOU for all of your help and support this year. It's been a challenging year at times – managing pandemic responses and a long, long winter. Your ongoing support and partnership is appreciated, and we thank you for all of your contributions that helped make this year successful.

Enjoy June – it'll fly by in a flash! I wish you all a fun, healthy, relaxing, and memory-filled summer vacation. You've earned it! ☺

Ms. Hofer





Upcoming Events!

SPEED-UP BALL

Rapid City School is hosting the RRSD Speed-Up Ball tournament on **Thursday, June 9**. Good luck to our Grade 7/8 ball team!

TABLOID DAY

Tabloid Day is a K-8 sports/field day! Tabloid day is on **Thursday, June 16**. Hot lunch (pizza) by the Parent Group will be served on that day. More info to follow.

SOAK THE 8S

The Grade 8s are hosting their annual "Soak the 8s" fundraiser on **Tuesday, June 14**. Buy a water balloon (or a few) to toss at participating Grade 8s.

Prices:

1 balloon = \$ 1.00

5 ballons = \$ 3.00



FIELD TRIPS

Grade 7/8 - RMNP - Monday, June 13

Grade 3/4 - RMNP - Friday, June 17

Grade 5/6 - Discovery Centre & bowling - Wednesday, June 22

Kindergarten/Gr. 1 & 2 - Art Gallery, splash park - Wednesday, June 22

Please ensure you have signed and returned your child's permission form for their field trip!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Last day of classes is **Wednesday, June 29!**





2022 - 2023 Teachers

Kindergarten (.5) – Megan Belisle
 Grade 1/2 (.75) – Jennifer Rempel
 Grade 1/2 (.25) – Jennifer Pilling
 Reading Recovery (.25) - Jennifer Rempel
 Grade 3/4 – Jodi Hrymak
 Grade 5/6 – Kendra Walker

Grade 7/8 – Jolie Bootsman
 Resource (.75) – Jennifer Pilling
 Guidance & Counselling (.5) – Stephanie Hofer
 Music (.25) – Louise MacDonald
 Phys. Ed (.25) - Graham Edwards
 Principal - Stephanie Hofer

Graduation Parade - June 29

We will be having our Grade 8 Graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 29 at 10:30 am. The ceremony is only open to families of the Grade 8 graduates.

The Graduation Ceremony will be live-streamed for any Grade K-7 parents who wish to view the ceremony—as some of our younger students will have performances throughout the ceremony. The ceremony will be streamed on Teams. If you would like to view the ceremony, please contact Ms. Hofer for an invite. Requests for invites must be made prior to June 27.

We would like to extend an invitation for all Rapid City School parents, guardians, grandparents, friends, and families to view our Rapid City School Graduation Parade.

Our Graduates will be parading down 3rd Avenue, after their ceremony at 12:15 pm. We invite you to find a spot along 3rd Avenue prior to 12:15 pm, and help us celebrate our wonderful graduates! Teachers will be taking their students (those who have returned their “community walk” permission slip) to 3rd Avenue to watch the parade. Parents who are wanting to watch the parade with their child(ren) are free to pick their child(ren) up from the school at 12:00 pm.

Rapid City School - Class of 2022 Graduation Parade
Wednesday, June 29 - 12:15 pm

The Rapid City Fire Department will be on scene and will man each intersection and help with traffic control.

Rapid City School Class of 2022 Graduates will walk along 3rd Avenue (pink route)

Rapid City School students and community spectators will be asked to gather along 3rd avenue (green route)



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School News and Reminders

NEW - E-Transfers!

Rapid City School now has Interac E-Transfers set-up!

We collect money for various events/purposes:

- Student school supply fees
- Fundraisers
- Cost of replacing lost/damaged library books
- Field trip fees
- Etc

If you want to E-transfer the school for future payments, our email address is:

rcs@rrsd.mb.ca

We have auto-deposit turned on.

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Rapid City School will purchase school supplies for students/families who choose to **opt-in** to having their school supplies purchased by the school.

Families will have until **June 10** to send payment to the school via e-transfer to rcs@rrsd.mb.ca, cheque, or cash to pay for their child(ren)'s September's school supplies. If payment is not received by June 10, families are responsible for bringing their own school supplies in September for the 2022-2023 school year. Specific classroom supply fee amounts will be sent out at a later date. School supply lists will also be made available, so families who are choosing to purchase their own supplies know which specific items their child(ren) need for the year.



WATER BOTTLES AND UTENSILS

Please ensure your child brings a **water bottle and utensils** to school. Drinking fountains are not yet open for student use due to COVID. Students are asked to bring water bottles so they can utilize our water bottle filling station and water coolers. We kindly ask that your child brings their own utensils for their lunch.





Classroom News

Grade 1 & 2 - Mrs. Rempel

Hello Families,

The year sure has flown by. I can't believe we are in the month of June already! This is sure to be a very exciting month as the weather becomes warmer and we wind up the school year with some outdoor classes and a field trip.

This month we will be finishing up our units in all subject areas and have some special days planned. Our year end field trip will be on June 22nd. Detailed information and permission forms will be coming home in the near future.

As we finish up our units, many other programs will come to an end. The last day of our home reading program will be on Friday, June 17th. If you have any classroom or library books at home, please return them by Monday, June 20th.

Thank you for your ongoing support in your child's education this year. It has been a wonderful school year filled with many memories.

Mrs. Rempel

Kindergarten - Ms. Ross

Hello Kindergarten families! I can not believe that we are coming up on our final month of the school year. We will be having a busy month filled with lots of learning, playing, and fun! In numeracy we will be working with 3D shapes during different centres. In literacy we will continue to work on our high frequency sight words, word families, and using our letter sound knowledge to spell different words. In science we are learning about parts of trees, characteristics of trees, and the different ways that humans and animals use trees.

Some dates to note this month are:

June 16th: Tabloid Day

June 22nd: K-2 Field Trip

June 28th: Last day of Kindergarten

A date and time for the Kindergarten grad celebration is TBD but an email will be sent out soon confirming a date and time.

Looking forward to our last month together!.





Resource - Mrs. Pilling

9 REASONS TO READ MORE



Builds Knowledge

Cunningham & Stanovich, 1991 • Cunningham & Stanovich, 2003
• Pressley, 2000



Improves Achievement

Allen, Snow, & McNamara, 2015 • Anderson, Fielding, & Wilson, 1988
Allington, 2012 • Blachowicz & Ogle, 2001 • National Assessment of
Educational Progress Report, 2015 • Worry & Roser, 2010



Increases Motivation

Atwell, 1987 • Feitelson & Goldstein, 1986 • Guthrie, Klauda, & Ho,
2013 • Ivey & Broadbent, 2001 • Lapp & Fisher, 2009 • Lesesne, 2003
• National Endowment for the Arts, 2007



Increases Vocabulary

Krashen, 1989 • Nagy, Anderson, & Herman, 1987 • Nation & Cody, 2013
• Read & Hodges, 1982



Improves Writing

Bazerman, 1980 • Goodman & Goodman, 1983 • Langer & Flihan, 2000
• Raphael, Kirschner, & Englert, 1988



Builds Background Knowledge

Anderson, 1984 • Anderson, 1985 • McVee, Dunsmore, & Gavelek, 2005
• Ozuru, Dempsey, & McNamara, 2009 • Smagorinsky, 2001



Improves Understanding of Text Structures

Armbruster, 2004 • Fletcher, 2006 • Kendeou & van den Broek, 2007
• Meyer & Rice, 1984 • Snyder, 2010



Develops Empathy

Allington, 2013 • Bal & Veltkamp, 2013 • Johnson, 2012
• Koopman & Hakemulder, 2015 • McLean, Breen, & Fournier, 2010



Develops Personal Identity

Abodeeb-Gentile & Zawilinsky, 2013 • Begum, 2014 • Fives, Russell, et al.,
2014 • Hall, 2012 • Harste, 2009 • Jesweak, 2015 • Tatum, 2009

CHART 11 From **DISRUPTING THINKING** by Beers & Probst, page 134

What Does a Text Level Mean?

Often, teachers are asked by parents, “What text level is my child reading at?”

For teachers, the text levels are only a guide for our instruction. We do not define our readers by just a text level letter. So much more defines our readers.

Teachers follow a guided reading continuum and students may vary along the continuum at an instructional level. It is important for students to receive guided reading instruction at a level that allows them to process texts successfully with some teacher support.

In early years instruction, the focus is on learning to read. Decoding, phonemic awareness, and phonological awareness skills are taught, practiced, and solidified. Fluency is taught. Students are exposed to a variety of genres. Comprehension of these different genres is taught and discussed. Text features of each genre support students in understanding the author’s message.

The focus of reading instruction shifts in middle years and junior high to reading to learn. Content of core subject areas require students to think more critically about concepts and themes. Texts offer students opportunities to think “about the text” and “beyond the text” with a focus on inferencing, predicting, analyzing, and finding evidence to support their ideas. Some students may still require some support to decode texts, while other students may have adaptations such as a reader or an audiobook to learn the content of more challenging texts. Students do not understand what a text level means and as teachers it only guides our instruction. We want to instill a love of reading in our students to last a lifetime.

“A child who reads will and adult who thinks.” ~ Unknown

Music Notes - Mrs. MacDonald

The K-6 students are hard at work reading, playing, moving, writing, singing, listening and creating music this month in preparation for the grade 8 graduation ceremony. We have been fortunate to have been holding classes in a "music" designated room as well as the gym, classrooms and outside. What a great way to end the year. Happy June everyone!





Classroom News

Grade 5/6 - Mrs. Edwards

The year has flown by and June is upon us and summer holidays is right around the corner.

In Math class the grade 5's and 6's will work on constructing and comparing triangles then study transformations and get introduced to the Cartesian Plane. We will continue to have Friday math quizzes to assess math facts and material covered that week.

In ELA, we will continue with our daily routines which include spelling, grammar, handwriting, typing, editing, various writing activities, guided reading, and short stories. We will also be focusing on types of figurative language which include similes, metaphors, personification, hyperboles, idioms, alliteration, and onomatopoeia. Please encourage your child to read daily, preferably out loud to someone for at least 10 minutes. It helps build fluency and confidence. We will continue to have a couple more Friday Spelling tests. Students should be emailing their weekly words home on Mondays.

In science, we will be finishing up our unit on "Maintaining a Healthy Body" then starting into "Properties of and Changes in Substances". In this unit, we will be looking at the various systems of the body and how to keep it healthy. In the Substances unit we will be studying things like the 3 states of matter and changes of state.

In Social Studies, we will continue studying the Treaties that help form our country and take a closer look at the Metis.

Our class field trip is planned for June 22nd where we will be visiting the Discovery Centre in the morning and then bowling in the afternoon.

Tabloid day will be on June 16th.

Hope everyone has a great June and summer, and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Hrymak

June is upon us and it will be a busy month. We will have our year end field trip on June 17. Our plan is to visit Riding Mountain National Park for a guided program and some other fun. There will be room for 2 parents to join us so if you are interested, please let me know. You will need to have the checks required by the school to come along. Right now, Tabloid Day is planned for June 16 and the plans are underway for a fun day. We are finishing up our Science this month with a look at plants. In Social Studies, we have chosen a country to research and will have a couple of fun ways to present our information. We are doing a novel study of Chocolate Touch this month and the students are doing a great job of writing complete sentences to the questions we look at. In Math, we are consolidating our learning and reviewing the topics we've covered so far. Please email Mrs. Hrymak if you have any questions about this information.





Mental Health and Counselling - Ms. Hofer

Online / Internet Safety for Children

1. START EARLY AND KEEP TALKING

Many kids are given their first tablet or internet connected device before they can fully comprehend the power in their hands. Your parenting will need to change with the technology so research the latest trends and stay on top.

2. RESPECT AGE RATINGS

Don't lie for your child when they want to join a social network, download an app, or purchase a game. These age ratings are in place to protect your child from inappropriate content.

3. SET RULES

Set up written rules for usage times and keep devices under your watchful eye as often as possible. Keep the family computer in the open (or screens facing common areas) and a central charging station for all portable devices to be parked at night.

4. USE CONTROLS

Many new devices, computers and WIFI routers come with parental controls already built-in that are easy to set-up but are often overlooked during the initial set-up. You can control access times and set website category blocking.

5. TEACH PASSWORDS AND PRIVACY

Help your children password protect all mobile devices and online accounts. Teach them why creating strong passwords is important, how to create them, and never to share them.

6. ENGAGE AND LEARN TOGETHER

Children are likely online more often than you. Use this to your advantage to engage with them and learn together. Password protect downloading privileges and communicate boundaries. Talk about reputation and risk.

7. MONITOR AND COMMUNICATE

Communicate what is an acceptable, respectable (to themselves and others) online post and take a peek as often as possible. Social network posts and pictures will be available to future employers and colleges.

8. PROTECT THEIR IDENTITY AND LOCATION

Remind your child not to share any type of personal information online like age, school, address, phone number, last name, or anything personally identifiable. Disable photo geotagging and talk about strangers together.

9. EXPLAIN SEXTING

Especially once they reach teen years, ensure they know the legal implications and they understand that once a picture has left their hands, it is out there forever, affecting their future, reputation, and relationships.

10. PROTECT, UPDATE, AND BACKUP

Your internet browser, operating system, anti-virus, and programs should be updated regularly. Use an external or cloud based backup system to save photos and documents in the event that anything happens to your device

Source: [Center for Cyber Safety and Education, 2021](#)



Classroom News

Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Bootsman

The grade 7/8 class has been busy between schoolwork and sports. Track was very successful and everyone had a great time.

A little information coming up for the grade 7/8 class:

- 1) Exams will be written from June 17th-June 21st. The ELA exam will be written on June 17th and math will be written on June 21st. Other final assessments will take place on those days.
- 2) Our year-end field trip will take place on June 13th. We will be headed up to Riding Mountain to partake in a couple of programs for the day.
- 3) June 9th is our middle years ball tournament hosted at our school.
- 4) Grade 8 grad will take place on June 29th.

We are busy wrapping up our learning in our different subjects and practicing for ball. We have a busy month headed our way.

Congratulations to everyone in their events for track. In our school track meet, we had some great athletes showing their skill. Many students came home with ribbons from the divisional track meet!

I hope everyone has a fantastic and restful summer.

Grade 7 and 8 English - Mr. Small

As the school year winds down the Grade 7 and 8 classes will be busy finishing up assignments and preparing for exams. They had a busy month of May with some big writing assignments due, a persuasive essay, friendly letter and a business letter.

In athletics, they have been practicing their track and field skills and participated in the divisional track and field meet in Brandon at the Sportsplex track. The speed up softball tournament is being hosted by Rapid City School on June 9. Make sure you use the last days of school to finish your work and prepare for the exams.

L. Small



Rapid City School Class of 2022

Avital Aronov
Hallie Bond
Savannah Bonin
Haylee Citulsky
Sara Kopytka
Ashton Marshall

Colby Marshall
Dennis Northam
Colby Pewes
Kim van Veen
Jordan Woloski
Joey Worth

Graduation Information - June 29

Photos: Graduates and their families can arrive at Rapid City School between 9:30 am -10:30 am if they would like photos taken by Mrs. Hrymak. Mrs. Hrymak can take photos of the grads individually, the grads with their families (if they want), and the grads together.

Ceremony: The ceremony will start at 10:30 am. The audience is open to close friends/family of the graduates. Graduates - please limit your party to 10 guests. The ceremony will be streamed on Teams for Gr. K-7 parents/guardians who wish to view the ceremony.

After ceremony: There will be a short break between the ceremony and the parade. During this time, refreshments will be available to the graduates and their families. Additional photos may be taken by Mrs. Hrymak, time permitting.

Parade: When we held our Graduation Parade in 2020, we received lots of positive feedback from the community - that they appreciated being able to celebrate our graduates, too! Our graduation parade will be commencing at 12:15 pm. We will be advertising publicly and inviting community members to spectate. Grade 8 parents - more information about the parade will be sent to you shortly.



SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT

		Day 1 01	Day 2 02	Day 3 03	04	
					Gr. 7/8 Shop/Home Ec	
05	Day 4 06	Day 5 07	Day 6 08	Day 1 09	Day 2 10	11
				Speed-Up Ball Tournament	Gr. 7/8 Shop/Home Ec	
12	Day 3 13	Day 4 14	Day 5 15	Day 6 16	Day 1 17	18
	Gr. 7/8 Field Trip	SOAK THE 8's! Balloons: 1 - \$1 5 - \$3		Tabloid Day Pizza Hot Lunch	Gr. 3/4 Field Trip Grade 7/8 Exams	
19	Day 2 20	Day 3 21	Day 4 22	Day 5 23	Day 6 24	25
	Gr. 7/8 Shop/Home Ec Grade 7/8 Exams	Grade 7/8 Exams		Gr. K/1/2 Field Trip Gr. 5/6 Field Trip		
26	Day 1 27	Day 2 28	Day 3 29	30		
		Grade 8 Grad Supper - PM Gr. 7/8 Shop/Home Ec	LAST DAY! Grad - 10:30 am Parade - 12:15 pm			