



RAPID CITY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - MS. HOFER

It was so wonderful to welcome students and their parents/caregivers and families into our school during our Open House and Book Fair! Thank you to all the families who took time to come out to our school and meet our staff and shop our Book Fair!

Our Jr. High Athletics program is off to a busy start! Our soccer team competed at the RRSD Soccer Tournament on Tuesday, October 4. Congratulations to Mrs. Rempel and the Grade 7/8 soccer players on a fun season – Mrs. Rempel saw a lot of growth in the skills of our soccer players! Cross-Country Running is a sport that is new to our division this year. Mrs. Pilling and our Cross-Country runners will be competing at the divisional meet on Thursday, October 20 – good luck to them!

Our Breakfast and Snack program is off to a wonderful start! We have a dedicated group of Grade 7 and 8 students who volunteer their time each morning to fill the breakfast buckets and deliver them to the classrooms. Our breakfast program is supported by school fundraisers and donations. We are currently hosting a **Peak of the Market – Farm to School fundraiser**. We have a goal of raising \$800 to help fund our breakfast program, so we are able to run it year-round. We appreciate every sale made, as it goes directly into our classrooms to help provide healthy breakfasts and snacks to our students. More information about Farm to School, and how to submit orders is attached at the end of the newsletter (after the calendar!).

October is always a fun month as we celebrate Thanksgiving and Halloween! We plan to host our annual Halloween activities this year – including class parties and our costume parade! We will be having our costume parade on Monday, October 31 at 1:15 pm. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. We ask that students bring their costumes to school and change into them after lunch to prepare for the parade. **Just a friendly reminder that costumes with excessive blood and/or wounds are not permitted. Additionally, no weapons or masks that cover the entire face are permitted. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.**

I hope everyone enjoys a fun, memorable, happy long weekend with their loved ones. I hope we can all find a few moments to reflect on what is most important to us over this Thanksgiving weekend.

Yours respectfully, Ms. Hofer



LIBRARY - MRS. DUFALT

Some exciting news, the library will be open to students starting Tuesday, October 11! We have some new books on the shelves and many more to be put out soon. It will be nice to have the kids come into the library and listen to a story then walk around and pick out a book to bring home and read! This month for library story time we will have some fun Thanksgiving and Halloween stories and a fun decorate/draw Gingie in a Halloween costume activity. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and a safe and spooky Halloween!



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KINDERGARTEN - MRS. BELISLE

We are one month into the school year, and we have had a great start to the year. Everyone is beginning to settle in nicely and really getting the hang of the school life. With lots of practice, they are learning many new rules and routines that we follow each day in Kindergarten.

We have started our Jolly Phonics literacy program. This program teaches us about letter names, letter sounds, and how to properly print letters. Each letter has a short story and a catchy song to go with that letter. We will be working on this program throughout the school year. This program will introduce us to early reading and writing skills.

We have been enjoying talking about fall, reading fall books and doing fall crafts. We are planning to go on a fall field trip with the Grade 1/2 class on Thursday, October 13th. We will go to the Riverbank Discovery Center and to the new Laurence and Louise park in Brandon. We are really looking forward to this and we are hoping that the weather will cooperate.

Please continue to send appropriate clothes for the weather. Be sure to send mitts and hats on cold days.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the start to a new school year!

GRADE 1/2 - MRS. REMPEL

Our first month of school has flown right by! Thank you for joining us at the Open house and Book fair. It was wonderful to see the pride in your children as they took you on a tour around our classroom. I enjoyed meeting and connecting with all of you. I hope you enjoyed checking out our classroom and were able to notice some of the hard work and daily routines that your child has been participating in.

During October we will be diving right into our core subject units. In Math we will be working in our number sense unit and look at various ways to represent numbers. In Literacy we continue to develop as writers and readers and will begin guided reading. In Science we will be investigating Living Things and learn all about the needs of living things and their characteristics. In Social Studies we will begin our "I Belong" unit. In this unit we will be talking about our communities and our families.

October will bring many exciting moments. With Thanksgiving, our first field trip on Thursday, October 13th, and Halloween creeping up on us. Please look for an upcoming note in your child's planner pouch with plans for an upcoming Halloween celebration.

GRADE 3/4 - MRS. HRYMAK

Stay tuned this month for information on Halloween activities in the 3/4 classroom. We will be continuing our look at Canada in SS and finishing up our Habitats unit in Science. We are talking about numbers in Math and working hard on our formation of sentences and paragraphs in Language Arts. Happy fall everyone!





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GRADE 5/6 - MRS. WALKER

I am so thankful for meeting most of you at Open House on the 28th! We are off to a busy start so far this year. We have learned most of our new classroom rules and routines. In ELA, most have finished their "All About Me" projects and will start presenting to the class. In math we continue to have a daily math stretch or math talk to start our class. We are going to continue working on Place Value to millions in Grade 5 as well as working on multiplication and related division facts. In Grade 6 we are working on place value higher than one million and less than one thousandth. We will also be working with integers. In French we are working on classroom and school objects. We will continue to expand our knowledge by reading and writing the vocabulary words. In Science we continue to study the diversity of living things and are working on classifying animals. In Social Studies we are continuing to learn about how Canada became a country and the roles that different people played during this time. In art we are working with line and colour to create unique artwork. We are looking forward to fitting in some Thanksgiving and Halloween themed work this month as well.

GRADE 7/8 - MRS. BOOTSMAN

Wow, how have we completed a whole month already? It has flown by. We are off to a great start in grade 7/8. We have been working hard at learning the routines and expectations in our classroom. In math, we have started our math rotations so that we are able to get to all of math outcomes in both grades. Our writing has been improving over the course of September and we are working at learning how to edit our work to turn in good copies. In science, we are working on our first quiz review so we can be successful on October 13th, during our assessment. Social studies has been interesting when discovering all the things that have taken place in prehistory and how that has influenced our present world. Congratulations to our grade 7/8 soccer players who played well in Onanole. Our next sport is volleyball, which is always popular. Have a great spooky season.



MUSIC NOTES - MRS. MACDONALD

Welcome BACH everyone! I am so excited this year, as we have so many things happening in Music. First, welcome all students into music class! That's right – we are not able to have music in the music classroom! Also, thanks to RRSd, we have a NEW PIANO, and we are excited to be doing lots of singing. Since we are able to meet in-person, we are looking forward to performances throughout the year when all our special people can be present. Until next month, keep smiling and singing, and always remember to be kind to yourself and others. Musically yours, Mrs. MacDonald



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RESOURCE - MRS. PILLING

Orthographic Mapping

Every word has three forms – its sounds (phonemes), its orthography (spelling), and its meaning.

Orthographic mapping is the process that all successful readers use to become fluent readers. Through orthographic mapping, students use the oral language processing part of their brain to map (connect) the sounds of words they already know (the phonemes) to the letters in a word (the spellings). They then permanently store the connected sounds and letters of words (along with their meaning) as instantly recognizable words, described as “sight vocabulary” or “sight words”.

Orthographic Mapping routine

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to the word. Say the word out loud. <p>Example: "said"</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Segment the phonemes. Count the sounds. <p>Example: /s/ /a/ /d/ = 3 phonemes</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assign the proper letters that go along with each sound. *IF there is an irregular part, mark it in a special way (different color, heart on top!)* <p>Example: s a d</p>

Which Is Better?

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ROTE MEMORIZATION	ORTHOGRAPHIC MAPPING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLOW Hundreds of repetitions Automatic recall fades over time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Much faster Words only need to be seen one to four times before they are mapped Permanent storage in sight word memory



EARTH HEROES CLUB

For the 2022-2023 school year the Earth Heroes Club’s theme is [recycling](#). We will be looking after recycling plastics and paper. As well, we have decided that we would take on the battery recycling challenge – [The Battery Bonanza!](#) This year, students can bring in batteries that no longer work in their house and bring them to Mrs. Pilling. Each student that brings in “dead” batteries (household batteries – no car or truck batteries please!) will have their name entered into a draw. Once the student’s have collected **85 lbs. of batteries**, a lucky winner will be chosen to throw a pie in Mrs. Pilling’s face!

As well, we are still composting food waste. We hope that in the spring all the food waste will have decomposed and broken down so that the Gardening Club can use it to fertilize their plants.



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Have you had a chance to read the Rapid City School handbook yet? It is posted on our website [here](#).

Student Personal Devices

We kindly ask that students leave their personal devices (phones, iPods, iPads, etc) at home vs. bringing them to school. Students assume the risk of damage, theft, etc. if they choose to bring their devices to school. Students are not permitted to use their personal devices throughout the day (recesses included).

Parents/caregivers - if you need to get in touch with your child during the school day, we kindly ask that you contact the school via the front office, your child's teacher's phone extension, or by emailing the school.

SCHOOL COUNSELLING - MS. HOFER Helping kids understand

CONSENT



Not helpful:

- "Give Nana a big hug!"
- Tickling after they say stop
- Telling them to keep secrets (even silly ones)
- Making silly names for private parts

Helpful:

- "Would you like to give Nana a hug?" Respecting if their answer is no.
- Narrating out loud. "You said stop! I hear you are done with tickling."
- "We don't keep secrets in our family. If anyone tells you to keep a secret, you let us know."
- Use anatomically correct names for body parts. Penis, vagina, vulva, breasts, nipples are not bad words.



Talking with children about consent from a young age can empower them to have autonomy over their body, and can help them develop empathy and understanding of others. Teaching children about consent and bodily autonomy can help prevent abuse and exploitation.

For more information about how to talk about and teach children and teens about consent, you can read more here: [Talk With Your Kids - Consent - Ages 1 - 12](#)



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Fundraising Plan for the Year

**October - Farm to School
(School)**

**November - Vista Gift Cards
(Parent Group)**

**December - East 40 Packers
(Parent Group)**

**January - School Clothing
(Rapid City School Student Council)**

**March - Kernels popcorn
(School)**

Rolling River Small School Soccer Tournament

Our small soccer team worked hard as they competed against Onanole, Douglas, and Erickson schools on Wednesday, October 5th at the Divisional Tournament. I'd like to congratulate the team and acknowledge their hard work during the tournament and their dedication to our daily practices leading up to the tournament. Well done Cougars!

– Mrs. Rempel





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Farm to School Information - attached after the newsletter!
 Please help us reach our goal of \$800 in sales by Friday, Oct. 14
 Profits from our Farm to School fundraiser will be put towards
 funding our Breakfast and Snack Program!

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02	03	Day 6	04	Day 1	05	Day 2	06	Day 3	07	08	
	Inservice No School										
09	10	Day 4	11	Day 5	12	Day 6	13	Day 1	14	15	
	Thanksgiving No School				Shop/Home Ec	Grade 1/2 Field Trip		Farm to School Orders Due!			
16	Day 2	17	Day 3	18	Day 4	19	Day 5	20	21	22	
	Hot Dog Orders due				Hot Dog Day!	Shop/Home Ec		Inservice No School			
23	Day 6	24	Day 1	25	Day 2	26	Day 3	27	Day 4	28	29
					Farm to School Pick-Up!			Parent Group Hot Lunch			

Important Dates in November:

- Tuesday, November 1 – Parent Group mtg @ 6:30 pm (at the school)
- Thursday, November 10 – Administration Day, no school
- Friday, November 11 – Remembrance Day, no school
- Thursday, November 24 - 4 pm – 7 pm – Parent Teacher Interviews
- Friday, November 25 - 8:30 am – 12pm – Parent Teacher Interviews

**Halloween
Parade @
1:15 pm**
Shop/Home Ec

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Farm to School Fundraiser

Proceeds going towards our breakfast/snack program
and K-8 programming and events.

Orders due: Friday, October 14

HOW TO PLACE AN ORDER:

1) Order and Pay directly on the Farm to School Website

Instructions are on back side of this page – you do not need to submit an order page to the school if you select this option. We will receive a record of orders directly from Farm to School.

2) Submit an order page to the school & pay the school directly.

Record orders on your order page (attached), and pay the school directly with cash, cheque, or e-Transfer (racs@rrsd.mb.ca). If sending an eTransfer, please include a note with the student's name that you are purchasing from/for.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dufault or Ms. Hofer at the school.



Vegetable Bundle A
\$15.00

- o 2lbs carrots
- o 5lbs red potatoes
- o 2lbs yellow cooking onions

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Vegetable Bundle B
\$25.00

- o 3lbs carrots
- o 10lbs red potatoes
- o 3lbs yellow cooking onions
- o 1lb parsnips
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Donations will be given to food banks in Rivers and/or Minnedosa.



HOW TO ORDER ONLINE

1. Visit www.farmtoschool.ca and click on **SHOP** from the **Menu**. Select the quantity of the product and **Add to Cart**. Select **Continue Shopping** to add multiple bundle types. *Be sure to **Update Cart** to reflect changes to the quantity.
2. Click on **Continue to Check out** when ready to pay. *If you wish to add items to your order, simply select **SHOP** from the **Menu**.
3. Select the Province, and the School/Daycare/Organization you are ordering from. Enter the child/Student's name responsible for the order. *Or check **community order** if you are not supporting a student and picking up your order from the school/daycare.
4. Enter **Billing and Payment Info**, once done click on **Review Order**. *If you wish to make any changes click **SHOP**, add an item and you will be taken to the **Cart** where you can adjust your order and **Update Cart**.
5. Review your order summary, Supporting and Billing and Payment Info, *if you need to make any changes at this point, select **SHOP** and **Add to Cart** where you can adjust your order and proceed to make any other billing or payment info. **Place Order**.
6. You will see an **ORDER COMPLETE** screen with your order number and an email will be sent to you confirming your order details.

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