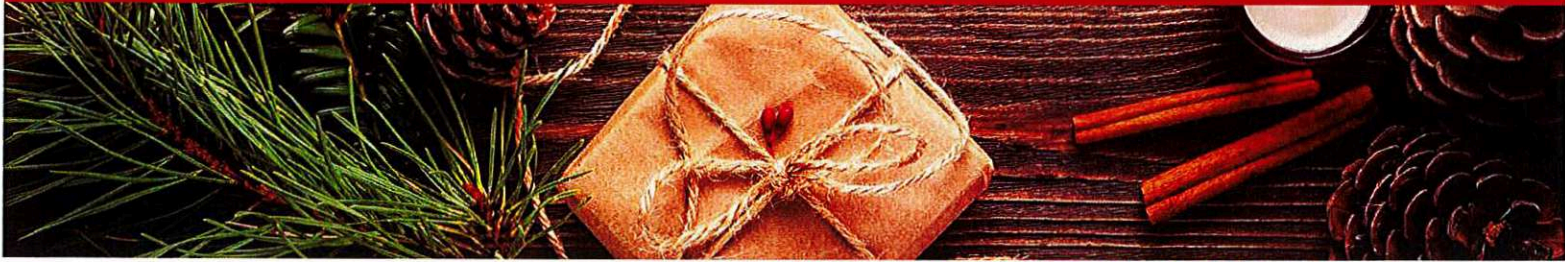


DECEMBER 2023

Ralston School Newsletter



MS. NUNWEILER'S MESSAGE

Happy Holiday Season! This month I wanted to take some time to celebrate our students. Ralston School students are outstanding! They show a love for learning every day and represent our values of Respect, Growth, and Integrity while supporting us to provide a safe and caring environment for all. I would like to specifically thank our Student

Council representatives:

JK/K - Ayushri Bajracharya & Nala Madela
Grade 1 - Ellie- May Moore & Nathaniel Darko
Grade 2 - Peyton Fisher
Grade 3 - Jeremiah Loewen
Grade 4 - Ousman Badjie & Sahib Toor
Grade 5 - Marty Darko & Daisy Watt
Grade 6 - Olly Watt
Grade 7 - Kyle Anderton
Grade 8 - Kyla Green
Grade 9 - Freddie Rossiter

These students volunteer to attend meetings twice a month where they get to share their ideas, voice, and creativity to help make our school better. They then share information with their classes so that everyone has a voice in the school. We appreciate their time and input. Our students help to make us a better school.

Have a wonderful winter break everyone! We wish you all a festive, joyful and restful time with your loved ones!

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IMPORTANT DATES

- December 4th- Grade 9 Eagle Butte High School Presentation- 10 am
- December 5th- Alberta Health Services Vaccines (FOR SIGNED CONSENTS ONLY)
- December 8th- Christmas Activity Afternoon (Families Encouraged to Join 1-3pm)
- December 11th- Christmas Dinner for students & staff
- December 14th- Christmas Nativity for JK/K
- December 15th- All Library Books Due Back
- December 18 to 22nd is Christmas Activity Week/ Please watch Seesaw for details as they're planned.
- December 22nd- Last Day of School (Dismissal at 2pm)

- We return to class on JANUARY 8TH 2024.





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MRS SEPT'S REMINDERS:

If your family is leaving the school, please let the office know forwarding school & address.

Visitor Records must be up to date & valid as required by Alberta Education

Please be sure that kids are coming to school with all appropriate outdoor clothing, we do try to get outside as much as we can!

Should you have any questions, concerns or would like to schedule a meeting of any sorts, please contact me directly.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season Ralston School Families!



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MRS FORBES'S REMINDERS:

The last week that books will be able to be checked out is December 4th to 8th.

ALL Books must be returned to the school by December 15th.

If you have lost or misplaced a book, please reach out as soon as possible.

Ralston School Newsletter – November 2023

A message from your Education Welfare Officer, Jane Kelly from Defence Children's Services...

Firstly, can I thank you for your support in helping to raise school attendance. There has been a noticeable improvement and holiday absences has reduced significantly in school.

By attending school daily and on time children learn the importance of commitment and being punctual, a life skill which will serve them well as they grow into the next generation of working citizens.

Many people think that the odd day off here and there does not matter, but even these odd days can have an impact on children's learning. Learning about any topic doesn't happen all in one day, therefore when a child returns to school the class may be continuing their learning from the day before which will put your child at an immediate disadvantage. At the time of school assessments, it will be hard for children to achieve their best results if there are gaps in their learning.

Not being at school regularly also has a negative effect on the social aspects of school. It is hard for children to build and maintain good friendships if they are not in school regularly.

Your child has a right to an education and to be safe and happy at school. But sometimes children and young people can be anxious about going to school. This can happen for lots of reasons but can happen when they have a worry about something such as homework or a class test, or if they have had a fall out with other children.

Sometimes parents let their child stay off school because they think the school isn't handling these kinds of things well enough. Unfortunately, this will not help find a solution. It is important to talk to the school if this kind of problem happens.

If you would like any support or advice on attendance or punctuality, please speak to your class teacher in the first instance or alternatively your Headteacher. You may also like to seek advice from The MOD Education Welfare Team at RC-DCS-HQ-WSW@mod.gov.uk

Table of impact

Attendance %	Impact on Learning	Impact on Learner
96% – 100%	Best chance of success	Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity
90% - 96%	At least 2 weeks of learning missed	Your child will need to spend time at home catching up on missed learning.
85% - 90%	A least 4 weeks of learning missed	Your child is at risk of under achieving and will need extra support from you to catch up on missed learning
80% - 85%	At least 5 ½ weeks of learning missed	Your child's poor attendance is having a significant impact on learning
Below 80%	At least 7 ½ weeks of learning missed	Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education.