

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Ralston School

MS NUNWEILER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Ralston School,

As we step into the month of April, I am thrilled to bring attention to an incredibly important aspect of our community: our military families and, particularly, their children. April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, a time when we recognize and appreciate the unique challenges and sacrifices that these young individuals face daily. This month, I'd like to focus on why honoring our military children is not only significant but also imperative for fostering a supportive and inclusive community.

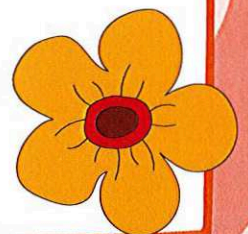
Our military families play a vital role in our community, contributing not just to our nation's defense but also to the fabric of our everyday lives. Behind every service member stands a family who shares in the sacrifices and uncertainties that come with their loved one's service. Among these unsung heroes are the military children, who demonstrate remarkable resilience and adaptability in the face of frequent relocations, separations from loved ones, and other challenges unique to military life.

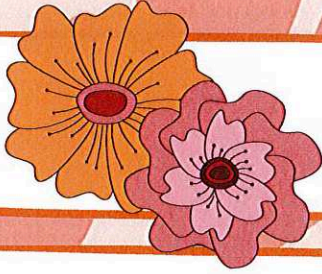
Here are some reasons why we celebrate the Month of the Military Child and military children:

1. **Resilience in Adversity:** Military children often experience frequent moves, changing schools, and periods of separation from one or both parents due to deployments. Despite these challenges, they exhibit extraordinary resilience, quickly adjusting to new environments and forging bonds with fellow military children.
2. **Strength in Diversity:** Military families come from diverse backgrounds and cultures, enriching our community with their unique perspectives and experiences. By embracing diversity and inclusivity, we not only honor our military families but also strengthen the bonds that unite us as a community.
3. **Expressing Gratitude:** Take this opportunity to express gratitude to our military families for their service and sacrifice. Simple gestures such as writing thank-you notes, organizing appreciation events, or inviting military children to share their experiences can go a long way in showing our appreciation and support.
4. **Building a Culture of Understanding:** By raising awareness about the unique experiences of military children, we can foster a culture of understanding and empathy within our school community. Encourage open dialogue and teach children the importance of respecting and supporting their peers, regardless of their background or circumstances.

On Monday, April 29th, we will be joining the MFRC in wearing teal to celebrate the military children in which we serve and having a hot dog lunch together. Thank you for your help and support in this endeavour.

Warm Regards,
Ms. Stacey Nunweiler
Principal
Ralston School



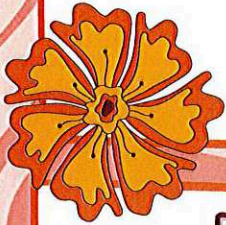


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BATUS ABSENCES

Please be mindful that if your child is a BATUS Student and they will be absent for any amount of time, MOD Schools has requested that a "Leave of Absence" form be filled out and signed by welfare prior to going. Copies of this form will be in the office or can be requested from classroom teachers.



BELL TIMES

To ensure children are arriving to school on time, please review our bell times.

8:45am- First Bell

8:50am- Classes Begin

10:10-10:25am- First Recess

11:45-12:05pm- Lunch

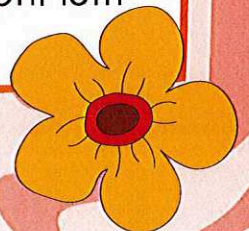
12:05-12:25pm- Recess

1:45-2:00pm- Recess

Dismissal at 3:20pm

MRS. SEPT'S REMINDERS




- If you have an updated Visitor Record, it needs to be sent into the office. It's a requirement for Alberta Education.
- If you have any questions, concerns or would like to book an appointment please feel free to reach out to me. Phone 403-544-3535 Ext 0, SeeSaw or at chelseasept@prrd8.ca
- Next Hot Lunch will be April 25th! Payment due April 18th



APRIL



2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	
		EASTER BREAK					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	First Day Back from Easter Break!						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
			Parent Council Meeting- 9am	Pizza Lunch Orders Due			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	Earth Day 	World Book Day 		Farro's Pizza Hot Lunch 	SI Day- No School for Students		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	
	Month of the Military Child Lunch w/ MFRC	Principal's Tea @ 2:45pm					



FIREHALL THEATRE
— MEDICINE HAT —
EST:1976



Grumpy Old Men

THE MUSICAL

Book by Dan Remmes

Music by Neil Berg

Lyrics by Nick Meglin

Adapted from the Warner Bros. motion picture written by Mark Steven Johnson

Additional orchestrations by Phil Reno

Medicine Hat High School Theatre

199 5th St SW

**April 19-21 &
April 25-27, 2024**

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!

at: www.firehalltheatre.ca

GRUMPY OLD MEN: THE MUSICAL is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide 1180 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 640, New York, NY 10036. www.theatricalrights.com

Daily Fun with Your Little One!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 Play It's No Housework Day. Put off some of your chores for the day and play your child's favorite board game.	1 Songs It's April Fools' Day. Make up a silly song with your child about innocent pranks you could play.	2 Reading It's Pecanut Butter and Jelly Day. Read <i>When PG Met J</i> , written by Katelyn Aronson and illustrated by Sarah Rebar.	3 Songs It's Film Score Day. Listen to some of your child's favorite songs from his favorite movies.	4 Science It's Vitamin C Day. Talk to your child about the importance of taking vitamins to grow strong and stay healthy.	5 Writing On Read a Road Map Day, help your child read and then draw her own road map of the United States.	6 Math It's Caramel Popcorn Day. Count how many kernels of popcorn your child can throw into your mouth.
14 Writing It's Gardening Day. Encourage your child to draw his idea of a perfect garden.	8 Rhymes It's Zoo Lover Day. Ask your child to list as many words as she can think of that rhyme with "Zoo".	9 Sounds It's Unicorn Day. Run around the house pretending to be a unicorn with your child and ask him what noise he thinks a unicorn would make.	10 Stories It's Siblings Day. Ask your child to tell you an imaginary story about where she would go with her siblings if she could go anywhere.	11 Math It's Pet Day. Walk around the neighborhood with your child and count the number of pets you see.	12 Science It's Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day. Make a grilled cheese sandwich with your child and explain how heat causes the solid cheese to melt.	13 Reading It's Thomas Jefferson Day. Talk about the Declaration of Independence and read <i>The Story of Thomas Jefferson</i> by Lisa Trusiani.
21 Reading Ask your child to help you read simple directions as you prepare a meal like macaroni and cheese.	22 Play It's Earth Day. Go outside on a scavenger hunt with your child to find a rock, a leaf, a feather, and more.	16 Rhymes It's Bean Counter Day. See how many words your child can come up with that rhyme with bean.	17 Play Hold a tea party for your child and his stuffed animals.	18 Math It's Exercise Day. Count how many jumping jacks you and your child can do together.	19 Sounds Hold a contest to see who can make the best monkey sounds.	20 Stories It's Look Alike Day. Ask your child to tell a story about what she would do if she had an identical twin.
28 Writing It's Great Poetry Reading Day. Work with your child to help her write a short poem of her own.	29 Sounds It's Zipper Day. Listen to the sound of a zipper with your child and take turns making zipper noises.	23 Sounds To celebrate Picnic Day, go outside to eat with a blanket to sit on. Ask your child to describe what he hears around him.	24 Rhymes While reading a book together, look for words that rhyme on the page.	25 Math Ask your child to gather and sort her stuffed animals by size and color.	26 Stories Ask your child if she could have any superpower, what would it be. Then have her make up a story about how she would fight crime.	27 Play It's Gummi Bear Day. Buy a pack of gummi bears for your child and help him act out a scene using the bears as characters.

Help your child get ready to learn to read!

Each day features a fun activity that will help your child build pre-reading skills. Activities are color-coded by skill. Ask your children's librarian for more ideas on how to promote early literacy skills with daily activities at home.



Tween Paper Quilling Activity



Join us in the library to learn the art of paper quilling and create fascinating art!

Thursday,

April 11th, 2024

@ 5:00 - 6:00pm

AGES 8 & UP

Tween Activity

Good Luck Charms



Join us in the library to make tiny bottle good luck charms!

Thursday,
April 18th, 2024
@ 5:00 - 6:00pm

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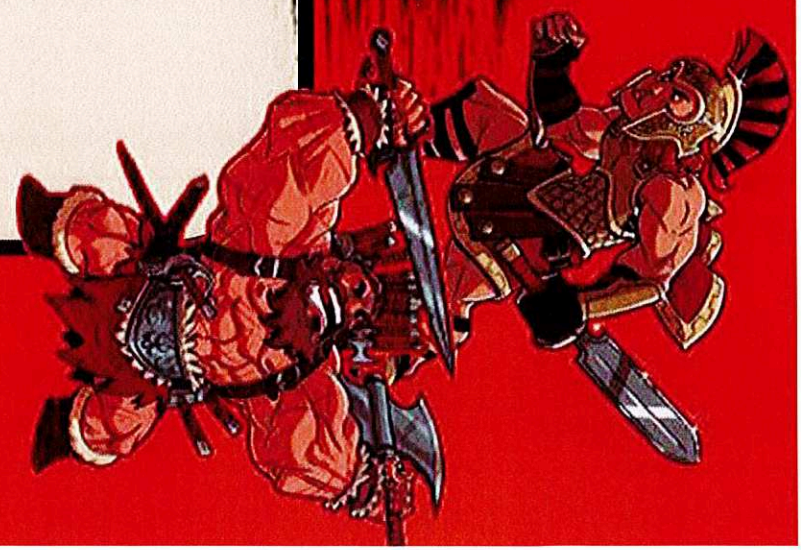
Poetry Contest

April 2nd—30th, 2024

April is Poetry Month!

Submit an original poem with your name and age to the library to be entered to win a grand prize!

All ages are welcome to enter the contest!



5 MINUTE Dungeom

JOIN FORCES WITH YOUR FELLOW PLAYERS TO
FIGHT YOUR WAY THROUGH DUNGEONS FILLED WITH
DEADLY OBSTACLES AND DANGEROUS MONSTERS!

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 13TH, 2024
@3:00PM**

PLEASE REGISTER AT THE LIBRARY!
AGES 6 & UP!

