



The West Park Elementary Post



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a wonderful month with many events going on.

Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended and provided parents with further information on their child's progress. We appreciate the parent/teacher partnership, and when this is in place, we are best able to support our children. Thank you to those families who helped us to collect items for The Mustard Seed and The Red Deer Food Bank, on behalf of the West Park Lodge.

Christmas concert was a real hit! We received many positive comments about the performance and the venue. The organizing committee did a fabulous job!

We enjoyed our second Active Assembly led by our Health Action Team, this week.

Our choir brought Christmas joy to the residents at West Park Lodge, and classes, once again, delivered handmade cards to our community neighbours.

We wish you all a very
Merry Christmas,
and a Joyous and Happy New Year!

REMINDER - Early Dismissal

Friday, December 22 - 2:20 p.m.

Upcoming Events

December 23 - January 7 (inclusive) -
Christmas Vacation

January 2018

January 8 Classes Resume

January 8-12 Alien In-Line

January 16 School Council Meeting

January 19 Staff Learning - No School

January 22-26 Donation Challenge

January 26 Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza

January 30 Assembly - 1:15 p.m.



Ice Skating begins in January. Students will need skates and helmets. Parent volunteers would be appreciated to help tie skates!



THANK YOU TO:

- Students and parents who attended Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Mrs. Heindel and her assistants for the great production of '*SlapShot Santa Scores Again* '!!
- Students and parents for their generous donations at the School Christmas Concert. Approximately \$600 was collected which will offset some of our costs for the facility.
- Hot Lunch Coordinators for organizing the Burger Boy Hot Lunch for students
- School Council for the delicious staff appreciation lunch on December 14.
- Parents and students who generously donated items for the Food Bank and Mustard Seed on behalf of West Park Lodge. Your support is very much appreciated!

Alien In-Line Skating

January 8 - 12, 2018



Students are required to have a bike helmet and dry socks to participate.

There are a limited number of helmets available at the school if your child does not have one.



BOKS KIDS will continue in January and will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:35 to 8:55 a.m. BOKS stands for Build Our Kids' Success and is a FREE morning physical activity program designed for elementary school age children. The program aims to get elementary school aged children moving in the morning to help ready their brains for a day of focused learning. BOKS was founded on the principle that ACTIVE KIDS=ACTIVE MINDS. Research has shown that exercise is the single most powerful tool that we have to optimize the function of our brains. We encourage you to learn more about the BOKS program at www.bokskids.ca

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

The Hot Lunch website (westparkelementary.hotlunches.net) has been updated with the Hot Lunch options for **January to May 2018**. The June Hot Lunch will be pizza by the slice - cash collected that day.

Cash for orders placed on-line will be accepted on January 12, 2018.

January 26, 2018 - Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza

START - Students, Teachers & Adults Reading Together

START is a program that has been implemented at West Park Elementary. The goals are to meet the literacy needs of all students, to support students while they read, and to allow students to build positive relationships in the school. Students who were involved in the program showed great success in reading.

We will implement the program again after the Christmas Break. Students will be partnered with a START mentor. Mentors can be classroom teachers, administrators, school support staff, parent volunteers and student peers. The mentor joins the student at DEAR time (1:00 - 1:15 pm). Some mentors are able to come everyday and others come a few days each week.

We are currently seeking new mentors to help support students reading in our school. Please contact Cathy Sveinson 403 343-1838 or email cathy.sveinson@rdspd.ab.ca if you are able to help with the program.



The West Park Elementary School 12th Annual

Donation Challenge -January 2018!



Please start saving your spare change, mitts, socks and bottles! Each day from January 22 to January 26, students will be collecting items that will be donated to agencies in the Red Deer Community. The class that brings in the most items for that day's challenge will be named Grand collector Champion and receive a prize.

Date	Monday January 22	Tuesday January 23	Wednesday January 24	Thursday January 25	Friday January 26
Collected Items	New Mitts, toques, hats and socks	Spare Change	Non-perishable food items	Granola bars & Juice boxes	Bottles (cans jugs, etc.)
Agencies	Central Ab Women's Shelter	Mustard Seed	Red Deer Food Bank	Warming Centre	Ronald McDonald House

At the January 30, 2018 Assembly the recipients of the donations will be in attendance to receive the collected items. Thank you for your support of this project. Let's start collecting!

ATTENTION: WEBSITE NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

In order to stay current with Canadian Anti-Spam regulations, and to help prevent emails being reported as spam, **Subscription Validation** is in the process of being added by our website provider. This update will prevent notifications from being sent to any recipients who have not validated their email address.

The update will require that subscribers will first need to validate their email prior to being able to receive any newsletters or updates. At the end of 2017, any subscribers on mailing lists that are not-validated will be cleared from all lists. If they wish to continue to receive updates they will need to resubscribe to each of their previously added lists. All verified recipients will remain on their current mailing lists.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2018-2019

PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

A Pre-Kindergarten Program is offered by Red Deer Public School District for children who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2018 and who meet one of the following criteria:

- Diagnosis indicates mild or moderate delays and meets the criteria of Alberta Education
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Community (limited placement available) at a fee of \$200/month.

Registration Applications will be accepted on **January 8, 2018**, at 8:00 a.m. on-line or at the school and will be forwarded to the Red Deer Public School District office for processing and acceptance. Proper documentation must accompany the application; birth certificate or Canadian Citizenship papers.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The 2018-19 kindergarten registrations will begin on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. on-line or at the school.

All children that are age 5 prior to December 31, 2018 are eligible to register. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate or Canadian citizenship papers as well as their Alberta Health Card number. These documents are required for registration by Alberta Education.

It is NOW winter outside! Please ensure your children come to school with weather appropriate clothing.

- Coat
- Snow-pants
- Socks and boots
- Scarf and toque
- Mitts or gloves

Winter gear is require to participate in ice skating and on the sliding hill.

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Always Be In The Know!

Connect with our school through **REMIND** for daily reminders. This system is **free**, secure, quick and easy!

To Sign up, text the message: **@b761fe** to **(613) 777 - 7059**.

You should receive a text shortly after you hit send! It will say, "Thanks for connecting with WPE".



RED DEER TITANS



Red Deer Titans Rugby Club Presents:

Winter Flag Rugby

@ St. Joseph High School

Monday 6 pm—7pm

January 08-March 11

Grade 1-8

Boys and Girls

Non-contact * Beginners Welcome

For registration or more info:

Titansrugby.com



JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<i>Christmas Vacation December 23, 2017 - January 7, 2018</i>							
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	<i>Classes Resume</i>	<i>Alien In-Line January 8 - 12, 2018</i>			BOKS - 8:30 a.m.	Hot Dog Day	
			Choir 12:35 p.m.				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
		School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Choir 12:35 p.m.	BOKS - 8:30 a.m.	Staff Learning Day No School All Day		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
		<i>Donation Challenge January 22-26, 2018</i>			BOKS - 8:30 a.m.	Hot Lunch Boston Pizza	
			Choir 12:35 p.m.				
28	29	30	31				
		Assembly 1:30 p.m. Hosted by 3W					