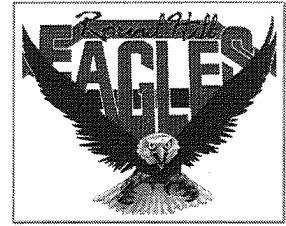

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



Round Hill Extra

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Principal's Message: - "A Day in the Life"

For the principal's message this month, I thought I would share with you a snapshot of a typical school day here at RHS.

Arrival:

With the adjustment of having two bus routes, we have changed our morning routine. Our doors are unlocked at 8:35 and students move directly into the school upon arrival. Once inside, students may go to breakfast club or their classrooms. Our 8:47 bell means all students should make their way to their desks.

Attendance:

Teachers take attendance each morning. This is important, as you will soon see the School Messenger system brought back for parent attendance notification. More details to follow.

Announcements:

Our announcements highlight school activities and important reminders. We hear our daily quote – directly connected to being REAL – our school's behaviour expectations. To finish off announcements, we stand for O Canada.

Daily Schedule:

The days have eight scheduled periods, two short breaks, lunchtime, and a lunchtime recess. Each class has its own schedule which can be shared with you if you wish.

Details you may not know:

Our school office is open at 8:30 but feel free to call and leave a message if you need to connect with us prior to that time. The office closes at 3:45.

We have asked students to leave their cell phones in their lockers unless their teachers ask for them to be used during class time. We do ask students to use the school phone to connect with you during the day.

We have a new school website. On the website you will find a link to online payments for school fees, a parent portal for checking student progress and announcements for upcoming activities, to name a few items you can find. Check it out!

Thanks for your support in what has been a busy first month of school. We are looking forward to a great year.

Karla Koleba
Principal, Round Hill School

Important Dates...

Sept 28

-Volleyball tournament in Hay Lakes.

Sept 30

-Orange Shirt Day

Oct 3

- Early Dismissal 1:51 p.m.
- Picture Day.
- New Norway Cross Country Race

Oct 8

-Parent Council Hotdog day

Oct 10

- Assembly & Terry Fox Run

Oct 11

- Staff Collaboration - No School for Students

Oct 14

- Thanksgiving – No School

Oct 22

-Parent Council Meeting

Oct 25

- Professional Learning Series for staff - No School for Students

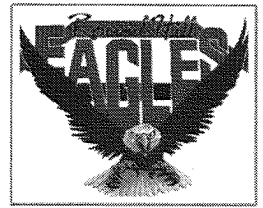
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-Halloween

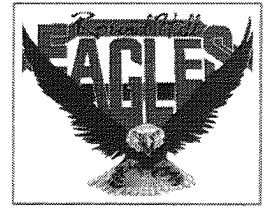
Next Month...

Gr 6-9 Immunizations
Nov 4 – Report Cards go home.
Nov 5- Volleyball Regionals
Nov 7 – Early Dismissal
Nov 11-15 No School

October 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 Orange Shirt Day	1	2 Volleyball (girls only) Hay Lakes @ Round Hill	3 Picture Day! New Norway Cross Country Race Early Dismissal 1:51 p.m.	4	5
6	7	8 Parent Council Hotdog day.	9 Volleyball (Boys Only) CCA @ Round Hill	10 Assembly 2:06 p.m. Terry Fox Run to follow Assembly	11 Staff Collaboration – no school for students	12
13 Stat Holiday 	14	15	16 Volleyball Round Hill @ Ryley	17	18	19
20	21	22 Parent Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	23 Volleyball Tofield @ Round Hill	24	25 Professional Learning Series – No school for students	26
27	28	29	30 Volleyball Playoffs	31 Halloween 		



SCHOOL NEWS

Fire and School Lockdown Drills are practiced to teach the kids how to react in the case of an emergency where they need to be still and remain quiet or to evacuate the building in an orderly fashion. We are required to do these types of drills several times a year. Notices will be sent home in the event that we are going to be practicing a lockdown drill to avoid panic in the community. We also will post a notice on the school website.

Every Wednesday morning **Grade 7-9** students are transported to their option classes to the Camrose Composite High School. They return to the school around lunch time. If your child takes the bus to the high school but it is your intension that they will not be returning to the school on the bus you must notify the school and the bus driver. You must fill out a Form 557-3, Transportation Declined by Parent/Student and give that form to the bus driver. Forms can be obtained from the school or the bus driver.

PICTURE DAY

Picture day is being held on Thursday, October 3rd starting at 9 a.m. We understand it is a very busy day with early out and also the New Norway cross country run. If your child is at the school but will be going on the cross country run they will be getting their pictures done before they leave. If you are driving your child and wish to drop into the school before you leave we will fit you in for a picture. There will be a retake day but that date is yet to be determined.

ROUND HILL SCHOOL LEARNING COMMONS



The year has gotten off to a great start in the Learning Commons. Students are reading books, talking about books, and checking out books. It warms my heart! Please help your students to remember to return their books. I would love to see every student take home at least one new book each week.

I will soon be sending home information about the textbooks that students have checked out this year. Attached will be a letter from Ms. Koleba describing the division's efforts to minimize the expense caused by lost textbooks. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Thanks to all our Round Hill families for supporting student reading! We're going to have a great year!

Sharon Judd, Learning Commons Facilitator

"Hello Round Hill School Families!

My name is Sarah and I am Round Hill School's Mental Health Capacity Building Wellness Coach for the school year! My role is to provide addiction and mental health promotion and prevention to your children, youth and families. I deliver programs in large and small groups within the school and community to increase knowledge, build skills and foster abilities that enable others to build their own mental health and wellness. The Mental Health Capacity Building Program in Battle River School Division has expanded this year, meaning that instead for only being available to schools for six weeks each like last year, I am here all year long. This is great because it will allow us to build more relationships and connections! I look forward to working with you and your children!"

**"We must find time to
STOP & THANK
the people who make
a difference
in our lives"**
—John F. Kennedy

What's on the Community Board?

October 2

- Perogy Dinner from 4 - 7 hosed by the Ukranian Catholic Church

October 20

Chicken Dinner from 4 - 7 hosted by the Round Hill Ag. Society.

The Orange Shirt Day Story

Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's story in her own words...

I went to the Mission for one school year in 1973/1974. I had just turned 6 years old. I lived with my grandmother on the Dog Creek reserve. We never had very much money, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission school. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had string laced up in front, and was so bright and exciting – just like I felt to be going to school!

When I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt! I never wore it again. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine! The color orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying and no one cared.

I was 13.8 years old and in grade 8 when my son Jeremy was born. Because my grandmother and mother both attended residential school for 10 years each, I never knew what a parent was supposed to be like. With the help of my aunt, Agness Jack, I was able to raise my son and have him know me as his mother.

I went to a treatment centre for healing when I was 27 and have been on this healing journey since then. I finally get it, that the feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don't matter. Even with all the work I've done!

I am honored to be able to tell my story so that others may benefit and understand, and maybe other survivors will feel comfortable enough to share their stories.

Today...

Phyllis Webstad is Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation (Canoe Creek Indian Band). She comes from mixed Secwepemc and Irish/French heritage, was born in Dog Creek, and lives in Williams Lake, BC. Today, Phyllis is married, has one son, a step-son and four grandchildren. She is the Executive Director of the Orange Shirt Society, and tours the country telling her story and raising awareness about the impacts of the residential school system. She has now published two books, the "Orange Shirt Story" and "Phyllis's Orange Shirt" for younger children.

She earned diplomas in Business Administration from the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology; and in Accounting from Thompson Rivers University. Phyllis received the 2017 TRU Distinguished Alumni Award for her unprecedented impact on local, provincial, national and international communities through the sharing of her orange shirt story.