#### **December 2023 Communication**



# **Round Hill School**

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#### Message From Our Principal

Hello everyone!

The weather has gotten colder as Christmas season approaches, soon the snow will be on the ground. Three months have flown by with so much accomplished. October ended with a fun Halloween day for the students. I would like to thank Mrs. Evenson and our junior high students for creating a haunted house and a variety of fun activities for our younger students. I am very proud of the leadership displayed by our junior high students. As well, we had a tremendous Remembrance Day ceremony, directed by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bjorgum. It was really special to see the stellar participation of the students in this important ceremony.

With volleyball season ending, I would like to thank Miss Lindstrand for the countless hours she put in coaching so our students had an enjoyable volleyball season. I also want to take a moment to thank the parents for their active participation with the volleyball team. Without you transporting your kids to games and picking them up from practices, the season would not have happened.

I want to thank Jaida Severson for organizing our hot lunches, Kara Wocknitz and Chantal Fenema for all the baking of breakfast food and organizing the Breakfast Club. Finally, thanks to Kalena Christenson for chairing the school council meetings and ordering the REAL Award prizes. Also, thanks to all the parents who attend the School Council. Your input into decisions made at school is very valuable.

Report cards for students in grades 1-6 are going home on December 6th. You will notice a change to these report cards. While students will still get a mark in each subject, the teachers have been asked to focus their comments on the literacy and numeracy growth of the students and also comment on the learning behavior of each student. This will give you specific insight into things like how your child is doing when it comes to letter recognition, reading ability, how much your child understands what they read, how their writing skills are progressing, how well they know their numbers and whether their behavior in class is the type of behaviour you want your child demonstrating in school. Parent-Teacher interview will be held in the gym from 3:30-8:00 the day after report cards go home (December 7th). There is no need to make an appointment, just come out and have a conversation with your child's teachers.

December 19th is going to be a busy day at school as the junior high students will be hosting a Christmas community lunch at 12:00 and the Annual Christmas Concert will be held in the evening at 7:00. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on the 19th!

Brian Horbay

### School Event Calendar

#### December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Hot Dog Day 12:00 pm	6 Grade 1 - 6 Report Cards	7 School Assembly 11:15 am Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal 11:50 am P/T Interviews 3:30 to 8 pm 3:30 pm	8	9
10	11 Staff Collaboration - No School for Students	12 Parent Society Hot Lunch - Pizza 12:00 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Community Lunch - Holiday Meal 12:00 pm Christmas Concert 7:00 pm	20 Last Day For Classes	21 Christmas Break Begins	22	23
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Remember to check the school website for any changes to the calendar that may happen throughout the month.



Mark your Calendar! The School Christmas Concert will be held on December 19th, at 7 pm in the Round Hill School gym. The Parent Society will be hosting a silent auction fundraiser for delicious home made pies at this event.

# R Stay connected to What's Happening with the Eagles

Basketball season is upon us and with 17 junior high students currently attending Round Hill School, this team is going to be a mixed team of boys and girls for the 2023/2024 season. I will be coaching the team and we will be starting our practices on Wednesday, November 29th. I have made the decision to opt out of the league for this year and instead, play in a number of tournaments. We already have a tournament booked at OLMP School in Camrose on January 12th and 13th.

Mini Dunkers - for Grades 4,5 & 6 will begin in the new year. More details will be sent home in the near future.



#### **School Council Update**

This Society is run by a group of parents with the sole intention of raising money to support activities at the school. You can get involved by emailing Kalena Christensen at <u>kalena.christenson@gmail.com</u> or coming to our next School Council meeting. Over the year the Parent Society will have many opportunities for you to help raise money for our students. Funds raised go directly to activities and equipment that directly impact the kids at the school!



Facebook group: "Society of Parents of Round Hill School"



#### How the Renaissance Garden Changed Round Hill. By: Jazmine Keusch (Grade 8 student)

There are so many ways the renaissance garden changed Round Hill. It has helped people, changed lives I'm sure, it has also given people things to do on the weekends in spring, summer, or fall. It really is great for the community. It gives children a great viewpoint on agriculture and responsibility. Many people depend on the vegetables in the garden. Just like I am being depended on right now for this article. It shows responsibility in all kinds of ways, like mowing the lawn here, it is very high maintenance and it teaches responsibility and respect for the environment. It's all based on working together and learning from each other how to do different things. I know that many of the children here at Roundhill School are mostly children who live/ grew up on a farm or grew up there than there are children who live/ grew up in a city. In reality they're all their own selves, and that is how the world works. There will always be someone you won't expect and that may be a startle, whether they've been good or bad they all teach you a lesson. That is what's important. Just like the garden.



On Tuesday November 21st the Grade 2, 3, and 4 students took part in a tomato afternoon!

Students participated in 7 different stations that included: milling tomatoes, writing a recipe for tomato sauce, writing instructions on how to mill tomatoes, a virtual field trip to a tomato greenhouse, identifying tomatoes, reading about tomatoes and farming, and playing a game about sustainability.

Students were able to mill tomatoes to make tomato sauce that will be used in a future community lunch. What a great opportunity for our students to experience agriculture!









## Hot Lunch

The Parent Society hot lunch for the month is pizza and is planned for December 12th. As in the past hot lunch orders will be ordered through the Rycor student online pay system. Watch for ordering links which will be sent out via School Messenger.

If you order hot lunch and your child is absent, their lunch will be kept for the next day. If you wish to donate their lunch to another student or would like it to be sent home with a sibling contact the school to make arrangements. Unfortunately we can not offer refunds.

#### **Hotdog Day Desserts**

The Society of Friends of Round Hill School holds a Hotdog Day once a month. Hotdogs, drinks and a dessert are sold at a cost \$1 each. In order to make sure this hot lunch continues to break even, we need to go back to having each class prepare the desserts for a given Hot Dog Day.

Prior to COVID, different classes would provide the desserts to sell at the Hotdog Day. We are going to go back to this format. For the Hot Dog Day on December 5th, we ask that each Junior High student (7-9) to bring a dessert of 12 pieces. The dessert can be bought or homemade.

# SchoolEngage

If you have not completed the 2023-2024 Student Re-enrollment & Verification form please do so as soon as possible. Please sign in to the <u>PowerSchool portal</u> and then click the link to SchoolEngage, please note the form must be completed on a web browser on a phone, tablet, or computer, the PowerSchool App does not have form capability. Your username is your Firstname.Lastname Contact the school if you have any questions or need help.

## There are many options to stay connected with the school!

The school website: https://rhill.brsd.ab.ca

School Messenger

Instagram: rhs\_real

Phone: 780-672-6654

### BRSD is in need of BUS DRIVERS!!!

Our BRSD Transportation Department is currently running a recruitment campaign to address the shortage of bus drivers. If you would like to help out and become a bus driver, please call our Transportation department at 780-672-6131.

Camrose Rec & Culture Chuck MacLean Arts Centre SCHOOL DAY CAN

Discovery Kids

# WINTER WONDERLAND

Come to our winter themed day where we will do various winter themed crafts and activities!

On the day we will enjoy hot chocolate, play in the snow, and much more!

December 11, 8:30am-3:30pm

www.camrose.ca/programs | 780.672.9949 | recreation@camrose.ca