



Rapid City School December Newsletter

December 2008

Hello everyone,

This month promises to be a little crazier than others, with lots happening and Christmas coming up quickly. The divisional volleyball tournament is taking place today and our concert, the band concert and the Reindeer Games will also happen this month. The 19th will be the last day of classes before the break and if I don't see or talk to you this month have a great Christmas. Classes will resume on the 5th of January.

I would like to thank everyone who made it to interviews in the last week. It is an important time in the life of our children and your support is appreciated. Have a wonderful holiday season and remember to give us a call here at the school if you have any questions.

Mr. Keith

Sayings of the Month

Look back with reason and ahead with faith.

D. Barnes Boffey Ed.D.

Work is either fun or drudgery. It depends on your attitude."

Colleen Barrett

*Don't forget to mark
December 16
on your calendar. That is
the night of our
Christmas Concert. The
concert starts at 7:00 pm.
There will be a silver
collection at the door.*



Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

K – 4 Sockhop

Friday, December 12th

12:15 – 12:55

Cost: 50¢

Grades 5 – 8 Dance

Friday, December 12th

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$2.00

RAPID CITY SCHOOL COOKBOOK

Do you have yours, yet?

Thank you to everyone who has purchased

cookbooks over the past months.

We still have books available to buy.

They will make an excellent Christmas gift

for the hard-to-buy-for person on your list.

At \$10.00 each, our cookbook is an inexpensive, yet useful gift.

If you would like to order, please visit the office,

or send your order and payment to school with your child.

We look forward to processing your order.



*Rapid City School
Student Council
would like to
thank everyone who
bought a Christmas tree
or
made a donation
during our fundraiser.
We appreciate your
support.
Merry Christmas!*





Classroom

Kindergarten

Happy Holidays!! December is here and with it comes a very busy time of year. We started a Illustrator study of Jan Brett in November and will continue into this month with all of her Christmas stories. We have been checking out some of the videos from her website when we read some of the matching stories. It has been cool to her the real illustrator talk about her stories. There is a link to Jan Brett's web page from our kindergarten site. Be sure to check that out. We will be practicing our Christmas concert song every day at school but we only have 5 more classes so a copy of the song will be sent home so you can practice it with your child as well. Our last day of classes will be on the 19th of December. We are going to be taking part in the Reindeer games in the morning and then having our own party in the afternoon. We will be playing games and making crafts that will help us get ready for Christmas. If anyone has any questions about these activities please feel free to contact me at the school

Mrs. Madill



Grade 1/2

First of all, I want to thank all the parents who sent snacks/treats for our Halloween party. Everything was immensely enjoyed! In a couple of weeks, we will be having our Christmas party and so we will need a few parents to provide some snack foods. I will be sending a note home closer to the date to let you know more details.

In the month of November, we celebrated 50 days of school. We did lots of counting by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. Grade 2's should be able to count forwards and backwards by these numbers. Grade 1's need to be able to count backwards and forwards by 1's to 50.

Parent-teacher interviews was well-attended.

Thank you parents for showing such an interest in your child's life at school and for doing the extra reading and counting activities at home.

Mrs. Armstrong



Grade 3/4

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... Our class is starting to get the Christmas spirit. Our Christmas Concert item has been chosen and we are practicing our lines and songs. This month, we will be working on Christmas literature and doing some Guided Reading. In Social Studies, we will be working on a few more Canadian topics. Merry Christmas everyone!

Mrs. Hrymak

This month we will be working on some Christmas Math and finishing our Light unit in Science class. The students will have a short quiz this month once we have finished our projects on light inventions and inventors that they are doing in small groups.

Mr. Keith



Communication

Grade 5/6

Only three weeks until Christmas Break! Where did the time go? It is my wish that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. Students, rest up over the holiday so you are ready to work hard in the New Year.

Language Arts: Spelling lessons will continue for this week and next week. We won't be doing Spelling the last week of school because of Christmas concert and Reindeer Games. We will take a break from TUSC until January. Right now we are finishing up our study of the novel Here She Is...Ms Teeny-Wonderful. We will start centers after that, doing various Christmas activities at each. The centers will involve reading, writing, puzzles, and art.

Math: In Grade 5, we will continue to work on equivalent fractions, mixed numbers, and improper fractions. Grade 6 has moved on to percent. Students keep practicing those multiplication facts. Math will be so much easier if you have basic facts memorized.

Social Studies: We will finish up our study of the First Peoples Nations and their forms of governance during the next couple of weeks. We will then begin Cluster 2 – First Contact, early explorers to Canada. Congratulations students on your research and presentations of the First Peoples Nations. Well done!

Please remember that I am available most recesses to help students with work they are having problems with.

Merry Christmas to all,

Mrs. Hardy



Grade 7/8

Language Arts - The class will continue working on analyzing "parts of speech" and learning to recognize nouns, verbs, proper nouns, pronouns, adjectives and adverbs. They will also work on doing biographies and presenting them in written and oral form. In addition, the class will start putting a couple items together for the Christmas Concert.

Mathematics - Both grades will continue working on units dealing with Percents. This includes calculating taxes, discounts, and interest on loans and investments.

Social Studies - The unit on Egypt has just been completed. The class will now be doing a short unit on the history of China.

Science - The class has just completed a unit on Cells and Body Systems by having their blood pressures taken by Jackie English and Tammy Bertrand. They saw firsthand that exercise and stress can affect blood pressure. They are working on the next unit of study called "Fantastic Fluids".

Health - For the next 10 to 12 classes, the students will be studying the effects of various types of illegal and harmful drugs.

Art - The class is working on developing cartooning skills.

Phys. Ed. - Volleyball season has come to a close. For the next three weeks the class will be doing some indoor handball activities, as well as some fitness training activities.

Mr. Coulson

