

September, 2005

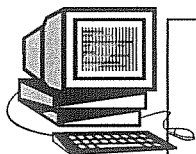
Newsletters

A school newsletter will be sent home on the 1st Monday of every month with the youngest family member attending school. It's a good idea to check with your child **every Monday** as this is normally the day reminders and messages will be sent home.

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep parents informed of events, classroom activities, sports events, permission slips, tests, assignment

dates, special lunch days, etc. The newsletter provides a continuous link between the school and home. If you want to be kept informed, read your newsletter!

If your organization has a 'hand-out' that may be of interest to the students, we will be happy to send it home along with our newsletter, provided sufficient copies (approx. 100) are left at the school office by Friday.



For more Information about our school, check out our Web site at
[Http://www.rrsd.mb.ca/RapidCityElem](http://www.rrsd.mb.ca/RapidCityElem)

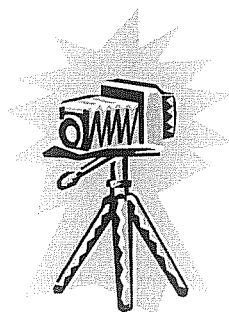
General Information

Open House / 'Meet the Teacher Night'

Once a year, normally during the last week of September, we host an Open House in the evening, for parents and the public. The evening begins with FREE hot dogs and drinks, followed by a general assembly in the gym, and then you have an opportunity to tour the

school, meet the teachers and staff, have coffee and perhaps browse through our Book Fair.

Please keep in mind that this is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their program. It is not intended as a time to discuss student progress.



Smile! PICTURE DAY!!

School Pictures for students in Grades 1-8 are normally taken on the 1st day of school.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS are scheduled in at a later date. This allows them a chance to settle into a routine.

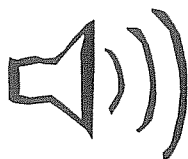
A Message to Parents . . . from the PARENT GROUP

Hello and welcome to Rapid City School. We on the Parent Council would like to take this opportunity to invite you to be a part of our group.

We meet once a month to discuss issues involving the school. Mostly this involves planning and helping to prepare the hot lunches served every two weeks. We also help out on "special" days, such as Tabloid Day or Christmas parties, etc. This is also a good opportunity to keep up

with what is happening in the classes and school, as Mike Keith, the principal, is present at the meetings.

If you are new to the community, here is a great chance to meet parents with kids the same age as yours and with similar interests. It does not require a lot of effort or time to be involved with us and is usually time well spent. Watch the monthly newsletter for the meeting dates.



HEARING / VISION SCREENING



Annually, Rolling River School Division undertakes the Vision & Hearing Screening program for students.

HEARING - Students in Kindergarten, Gr. 1 and special referrals from parents, teachers and students themselves are screened.

VISION - Students in Kindergarten, Gr. 1, 3, 5, 7 and special referrals from parents, teachers

and students themselves are screened.

The purpose of the screening is to detect weaknesses in vision or hearing which could be barriers in a child's learning process.

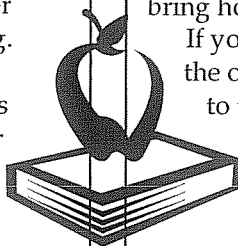
An information letter is sent home to parents prior to the screening date, which is usually in September.

General Information

Continued

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair (mobile bookstore) is set up in our school during our September Open House, and then again in the spring. An excellent selection of books, posters, book marks, etc. are available for students and the public to purchase. The Book Fair is always held in conjunction with our Open House evening. While the Book Fair is here, classrooms make scheduled visits during the day to browse.

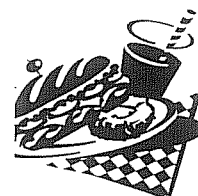


BOOK ORDERS

Approximately once a month, students will bring home **Scholastic Book Order brochures**. If you choose to order something, just fill in the order form and have your child return it to the school, along with payment, by the date requested. All proceeds from monthly book orders go toward the school library. We thank you for your support.

Hot Lunch Days

For the past few years, the Parent Group has taken on the responsibility of organizing special lunch days about every two weeks. Watch the monthly calendar for dates. An order form (1 per family) is sent home (usually on Monday the week of), and must be returned by Wednesday. Profits earned have gone towards many worthwhile school-related projects and items.



Milk Program

White and chocolate milk are sold during the lunch hour. Although we still accept individual milk purchases, we recommend purchasing a Milk Card for your child. It eliminates the need for them to carry money to school daily. Milk cards may be purchased at the front office for the following prices:

K, 1, 2 Students

(Receive slightly smaller quantities)

\$ 5.00 = 9 milk + 1 FREE

\$ 10.00 = 19 milk + 1 FREE

\$ 20.00 = 39 milk + 1 FREE

Individual milk purchase = .50 ea.

Grs. 3-8 Students

\$ 5.00 = 7 milk + 1 FREE

\$ 10.00 = 15 milk + 1 FREE

\$ 20.00 = 31 milk + 1 FREE

Individual milk purchase = .75 ea.

Milk cards are handed out just prior to lunch every day, so students have them to take to the milk counter. When a drink is purchased, a number is

punched out on their card by the person working at the milk counter. When their card is used up, it is returned to them to take home.

Milk is an important part of every child's diet. We do not use our milk program as a money-making project (prices are kept as close to cost as possible). Rather, we are offering what we consider a beneficial service to our students.

For the past few years the Manitoba Milk Producers Marketing Board has sponsored a lunch milk program. Students in Grades K-4 receive an entry ballot on random days to fill out if they purchase milk at school, bring milk from home or drink milk at home during lunch hour. Draws are made randomly throughout the year and the students have a chance to win some really neat prizes! A Scratch n' Win ticket program is run for students in Grades 5-8 with great prizes to be won! These prizes are provided free of charge by the Manitoba Milk Producers Marketing Board.

Remember! You have to DRINK MILK to WIN!