

RCS BULLETIN

ROSTHERN COMMUNITY SCHOOL — Relationships, Courage, Success

Today we were able to reflect on the past months of school, the journey of starting in a new building during a world pandemic. And now December. It really is wonderful to work here at RCS -we are in our own little world and we are all so happy and safe! Our students are practicing excellent COVID hygiene, they are learning, and they are engaged. We are really lucky to be able to be together during a world of uncertainty. We want to thank-YOU our Rosthern families for trusting us to create this safe, happy learning environment.

Here is a glimpse of learning that is taking place in our school today:

Pre-K are building shapes with play dough

Ks are singing along to a song (with masks or distanced)

Grade 1 are learning individual floor hockey skills

Grade 2 are filling in their morning announcement and remembering all of their spelling skills

Grade 2/3 are engaged in building math skills in a variety of math games,

Grade 3 just received their letters from the school buddies the Grade 10s

Grade 4 are reading *The Battle of Batoche*

Grade 4/5 are doing their morning greeting in French

Grade 5 are learning about different ways to grow produce in areas that are cold

Grade 6 are time travelling back to Columbia online

Grade 7 are building their dioramas for their novel

Grade 8 are reading their novel *Refugee*.

Grade 9 are learning how to use exponents in math

Grade 10 are busy writing code for their robots

Grade 11 are learning about the Russian Revolution

Grade 12 are reading *Among the Ashes!*

Phew! Lots of work! Engaging! Fun! And we are together to do it!

At this time we would like to extend a Merry Christmas and safe holidays to you and your family. We look forward to learning and growing together in 2021

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MASK UPDATE

As our province continues to tackle rising COVID-19 numbers, Prairie Spirit School Division has made some changes to our mask policy. We will now be asking all students (from PreK to grade 12) and staff to wear masks at all times (regardless of distancing). Exceptions would be during snack times, when eating lunch, or when students are in isolated mask break spaces. We will work with younger students to help build their stamina. We encourage all students to bring a clean reusable mask from home. Myself and Mrs. Foster appreciate the continued support of parents and families in helping us do everything we can to keep schools open!



Left: Principal for the day winner

Bottom: Fort building in gym class



MORNING ARRIVAL REMINDERS

We want to thank all families for following our morning arrival guidelines:

- Please have all students arrive as close to the first bell (8:45am) as possible
- If parents are dropping students off, please do so by parking on adjacent roadways or in the designated drop-off spots at the front door
- We ask all parents to avoid entering the bus loop or the student parking lot
- Any students arriving late must come through the front doors

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The RCS community has done an amazing job of supporting our school-based fundraisers so far this year. Our *Little Caesar's* fundraiser was a huge success — it raised a total of \$3762 that will go towards building our new accessible playground. Congratulations to the grade 6 class and to Preslie E. for being the top sellers!

We also want to thank the many families who have supported our annual poinsettia fundraiser—they will be ready for pick on December 2nd.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

RCS is excited to announce that we will be putting together a VIRTUAL Christmas Concert this year! Classes will prepare their performances, and our tech guru Mr. Zee will put together a video presentation that can be shared with all families. Stay tuned for more information!

IMPORTANT DATES

December 9—Cap and Gown Photos

December 11—Circle Letters

December 18—Last Day of School
Before Christmas Break

EXTRA-CURRICULAR UPDATE

We know that students and families are looking forward to resuming extra-curricular activities, and although they are on “pause” for the remainder of this year we are hopeful to start some programs in the new year. This might include within-cohort athletics (potentially including some sports that were missed in the fall) and student-led groups (ex: SRC, clubs, etc.). All of our staff know the important role that extra-curricular activities play in promoting student well-being, and will do our best to find COVID-safe ways to make them happen!

RCS COIN DRIVE

Both RES and RHS were proud to support Rosthern's *Good Neighbours Food Centre* with food hampers and financial donations at Christmas every year. RCS is very excited to continue this tradition by running a fun and competitive school-wide coin drive from December 7th—December 16th. Details will be shared with homeroom classes this week! If families would still like to build their own food hamper and deliver them directly to *Good Neighbours*, please see the attached instructions.



Invites you to help
a family in need by filling a

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

WHO: Individuals, families; staff, youth, school and church groups.

WHAT: Fill a **COMPLETE** hamper with the items shown (any brand).

WHEN: Please **LET US KNOW** how many hampers* you will deliver

by Wednesday December 9, 2020. Please contact:

Email: gnfc.catalyst@gmail.com

Phone: 306-232-5623

WHERE: Drop off completed hampers at GNFC on:

Friday, December 11th from 3 - 5 pm.

Saturday, December 12th from 3 - 5 pm.

Contact us to set up an appointment if these days do not work for you.

WHY: We thank you for your continued generous support:

Neighbours Helping Neighbours!

COVID can make going to the store, sorting items, etc difficult, and we want you to stay safe! We are happy to shop on your behalf if you prefer.

\$75 Complete hamper
\$50 Non-perishable items
\$25 Fresh items

GOOD NEIGHBOURS FOOD CENTRE

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



3 cans vegetables



3 cans fruit



2 packages gravy mix



2 boxes
Stove Top dressing



1 can
cranberry sauce



1 box
pancake mix



1 pancake syrup



1 container
juice (1L)



1 small tin
coffee



1 box of chocolates



1 container jam
(not homemade)



1 small can
hot chocolate mix

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